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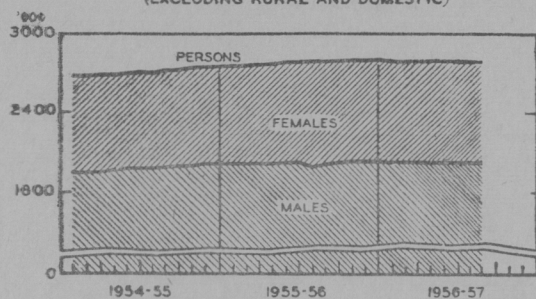
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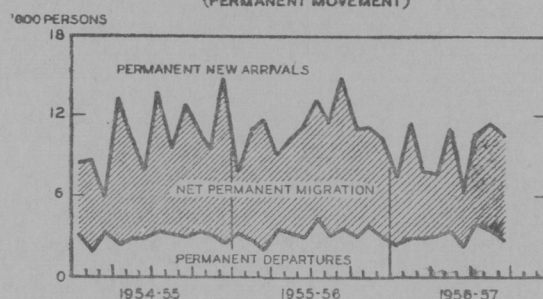
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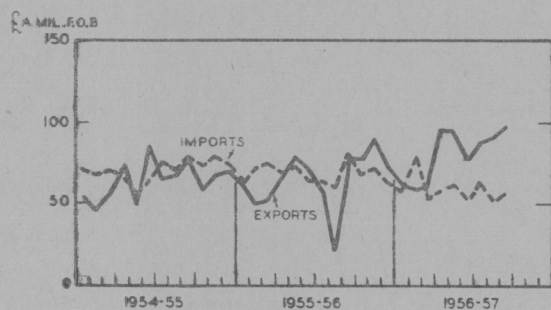
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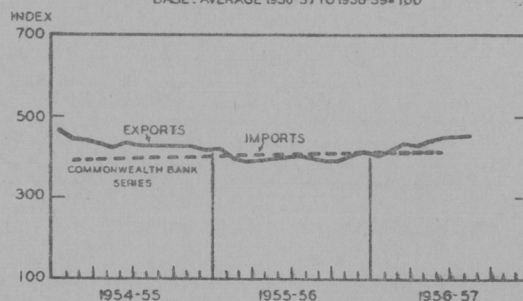
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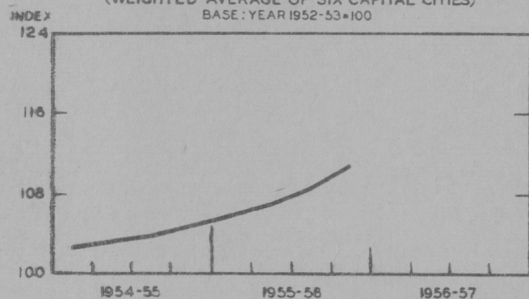
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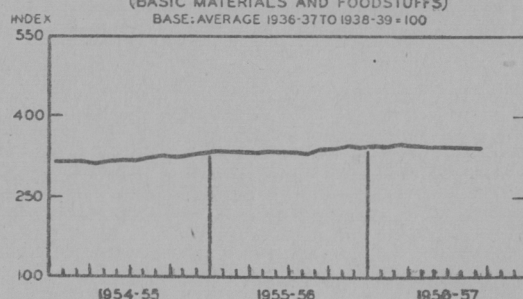
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BASE: AVERAGE 1936-37 TO 1938-39 = 100



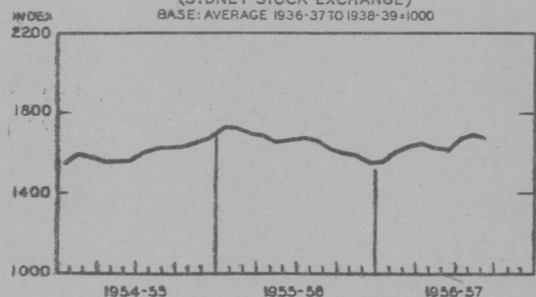
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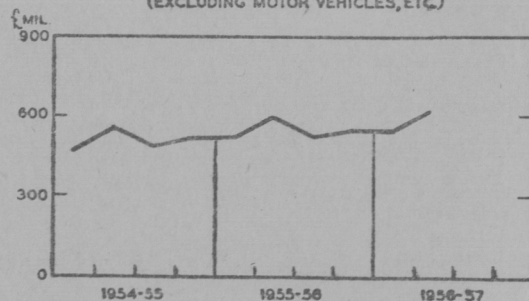
WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX
(BASIC MATERIALS AND FOODSTUFFS)
BASE: AVERAGE 1936-37 TO 1938-39 = 100



ORDINARY SHARE PRICE INDEX
(SYDNEY STOCK EXCHANGE)
BASE: AVERAGE 1936-37 TO 1938-39 = 1000



RETAIL SALES
(EXCLUDING MOTOR VEHICLES, ETC.)



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 . Nil or less than half the final digit shown, or not applicable.
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INDICATORS OF BUSINESS ACTIVITY.

This and the following page summarize the trend of business activity shown by certain of the major indicators contained in various tables herein :—

| Period. | Total Civil Employment. —End of Month (Excluding Rural and Household Domestic). (a) | | | Average Weekly Wage Earnings (b) Index (Base : 1945-46= 1,000). | Internal Trade. | | Overseas Trade (Merchandise only—Values f.o.b. port of Shipment). | | Building Permits(e) Six Capital Cities and Suburbs. | New Houses Com- menced.(f) |
|-------------------------|--|----------|-----------|---|--------------------|------------|--|----------|---|-------------------------------------|
| | Males. | Females. | Total. | | Whole- sale.(c) | Retail.(d) | Imports. | Exports. | | |
| Monthly Average— | '000. | '000. | '000. | | £m. | £m. | £m. | £m. | £'000. | No. |
| 1936-37 | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | 37.2 | n.a. | 8.6 | 12.3 | 1,986 | n.a. |
| 1937-38 | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | 40.5 | n.a. | 10.6 | 11.7 | 2,307 | n.a. |
| 1938-39 | (g)1,293 | (g)437 | (g)1,730 | n.a. | 39.8 | n.a. | 9.4 | 10.1 | 2,353 | n.a. |
| 1949-50 | 1,810 | 675 | 2,485 | 1,451 | 110.2 | 276.4 | 44.7 | 51.0 | 7,129 | (h)16,726 |
| 1950-51 | 1,882 | 707 | 2,589 | 1,742 | 140.5 | 342.7 | 61.8 | 81.6 | 10,426 | (h)20,686 |
| 1951-52 | 1,915 | 709 | 2,624 | 2,145 | 162.1 | 404.0 | 87.5 | 55.4 | 9,700 | 20,001 |
| 1952-53 | 1,876 | 670 | 2,546 | 2,350 | 158.1 | 425.8 | 42.5 | 70.7 | 10,045 | 16,115 |
| 1953-54 | 1,914 | 695 | 2,609 | 2,462 | 179.5 | 460.2 | 56.5 | 67.7 | 12,356 | 18,811 |
| 1954-55 | 1,971 | 727 | 2,698 | 2,572 | 205.5 | 503.8 | 70.1 | 63.2 | 17,920 | 18,870 |
| 1955-56 | 2,012 | 753 | 2,765 | 2,743 | 221.3 | 540.8 | 68.2 | 64.4 | 18,903 | 17,726 |
| Monthly Total— | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1954-55— | | | | | | | | | | |
| April | 1,991 | 736 | 2,727 | 2,652 | 200.8 | 512.1 | 73.2 | 57.0 | 17,128 | 18,762 |
| May | 1,996 | 737 | 2,733 | | 225.6 | | 78.9 | 66.8 | 18,744 | |
| June | 2,001 | 738 | 2,739 | | 225.4 | | 74.7 | 69.0 | 21,308 | |
| 1955-56— | | | | | | | | | | |
| July | 1,996 | 739 | 2,735 | 2,689 | 207.0 | 514.0 | 61.5 | 60.9 | 18,238 | 19,491 |
| August | 2,000 | 741 | 2,741 | | 230.5 | | 71.2 | 48.7 | 22,578 | |
| September | 2,003 | 744 | 2,747 | | 229.8 | | 74.9 | 51.4 | 19,865 | |
| October | 2,002 | 748 | 2,750 | 2,731 | 224.7 | 596.4 | 68.1 | 65.6 | 18,197 | 17,970 |
| November | 2,012 | 756 | 2,768 | | 243.5 | | 73.4 | 77.9 | 19,708 | |
| December | 2,013 | 758 | 2,771 | | 222.2 | | 63.2 | 72.4 | 16,230 | |
| January | (i) 1,991 | 752 | (i) 2,743 | 2,749 | 178.8 | 512.8 | (i) 63.4 | (i) 55.4 | 14,674 | 17,139 |
| February | 2,019 | 759 | 2,778 | | 208.1 | | (i) 59.1 | (i) 20.1 | 18,732 | |
| March | 2,021 | 762 | 2,783 | | 234.1 | | (i) 80.5 | (i) 77.5 | 20,332 | |
| April | 2,026 | 760 | 2,786 | 2,801 | 217.8 | 540.4 | 68.0 | (i) 78.0 | 17,766 | 16,298 |
| May | 2,028 | 761 | 2,789 | | 235.4 | | 71.6 | (i) 90.0 | 22,382 | |
| June | 2,026 | 759 | 2,785 | | 223.7 | | 63.4 | (i) 72.9 | 18,143 | |
| 1956-57— | | | | | | | | | | |
| July | 2,022 | 758 | 2,780 | 2,863 | 210.3 | 536.1 | 57.3 | 60.9 | 18,814 | 16,589 |
| August | 2,020 | 756 | 2,776 | | 237.6 | | 78.8 | 57.8 | 17,774 | |
| September | 2,020 | 757 | 2,777 | | 229.5 | | 53.7 | 60.7 | 15,616 | |
| October | 2,018 | 759 | 2,777 | 2,903 | 254.7 | 621.5 | 57.1 | r96.0 | 19,302 | 16,608 |
| November | 2,027 | 765 | 2,792 | | r259.9 | | 59.7 | 94.7 | 18,218 | |
| December | 2,022 | 764 | 2,786 | | pr236.4 | | 52.1 | 76.3 | 12,083 | |
| January | 2,018 | 759 | 2,777 | p210.1 | p210.1 | | 62.7 | r88.3 | 15,720 | p16,856 |
| February | 2,026 | 767 | 2,793 | | | | r51.3 | r90.1 | 16,363 | |
| March | | | | | | | 58.6 | 98.4 | | |

(a) Excludes Defence Forces at home or abroad and National Service Trainees in camp. Figures from 1949-50 subject to revision.
 (b) Seasonally adjusted. Average earnings per employed male unit. Male units represent total male employment plus a proportion of female employment based on the approximate ratio of female to male earnings.
 (c) Net sales recorded under Sales Tax Acts.
 (d) Quarterly average sales for years and quarterly total sales. Excludes Australian Capital Territory and Northern Territory. Excludes Motor Vehicles, Parts, Petrol, etc.
 (e) All building operations for which permits granted by local government authorities. Excludes Government buildings (see note (a) page 33).
 (f) Includes owner-built houses. Quarterly averages for years, and quarterly totals. From September Quarter, 1954, includes Northern Territory.
 (g) July, 1939; obtained from National Register.
 (h) Partly estimated.
 (i) Affected by industrial disputes.

For meaning of symbols n.a., p, r, —, see page 1.

INDICATORS OF BUSINESS ACTIVITY—continued.

| Period. | Production of Black Coal. | Total Electricity Generated. | Production of Ingot Steel. | New Motor Vehicles Registered (a) (Excluding Defence Service Vehicles). | | Government Railways : Gross Revenue. | P.M.G.'s Department Cash Receipts. | Private Trading Banks. (b) | | Bank Debits to Customers' Accounts (Weekly Averages). |
|----------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------|--|----------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------|---|
| | | | | Motor Cars. | Commercial Vehicles. | | | Deposits. | Advances. | |
| Monthly Average— | '000 tons. | Million kWh | '000 tons. | '000. | '000. | £'000. | £'000. | £m. | £m. | £m. |
| 1936-37 .. | 977 | 331 | 90.0 | 4.0 | 2.0 | 3,517 | 1,318 | 297.6 | 262.5 | n.a. |
| 1937-38 .. | 990 | 363 | 97.2 | 4.6 | 2.3 | 3,705 | 1,396 | 314.8 | 274.4 | n.a. |
| 1938-39 .. | 1,051 | 391 | 97.5 | 4.5 | 2.1 | 3,662 | 1,447 | 317.7 | 288.1 | n.a. |
| 1948-49 .. | 1,237 | 754 | 98.2 | 5.5 | 3.1 | 7,165 | 2,776 | 776.4 | 368.6 | 212.8 |
| 1949-50 .. | 1,243 | 792 | 101.5 | 9.6 | 4.8 | 7,683 | 3,196 | 910.1 | 403.9 | 271.1 |
| 1950-51 .. | 1,368 | 875 | 120.3 | 10.7 | 6.5 | 8,804 | 3,732 | 1,144.2 | 479.3 | 372.9 |
| 1951-52 .. | 1,598 | 941 | 126.8 | 10.5 | 6.1 | 11,626 | 4,948 | 1,201.7 | 621.4 | 402.4 |
| 1952-53 .. | 1,545 | 1,004 | 150.1 | 7.8 | 4.3 | 12,903 | 5,367 | 1,162.4 | 638.1 | 389.3 |
| 1953-54 .. | 1,619 | 1,142 | 176.4 | 10.5 | 4.8 | 14,155 | 5,650 | 1,275.5 | 658.5 | 446.5 |
| 1954-55 .. | 1,613 | 1,264 | 184.1 | 13.9 | 5.6 | 14,498 | 6,069 | 1,310.7 | 776.8 | 491.6 |
| 1955-56 .. | p1,586 | p1,399 | p194.9 | 13.6 | 5.8 | 14,765 | 6,612 | 1,295.4 | 804.4 | 521.4 |
| Monthly Total— 1954-55— | | | | | | (c) | | | | |
| March .. | 1,641 | 1,300 | 182.2 | 15.8 | 5.9 | 13,725 | 6,619 | 1,364.3 | 775.9 | 501.9 |
| April .. | 1,485 | 1,229 | 158.1 | 13.5 | 4.9 | 13,704 | 5,769 | 1,345.3 | 795.8 | 484.8 |
| May .. | 1,712 | 1,381 | 190.0 | 16.2 | 6.2 | 14,762 | 6,231 | 1,328.7 | 811.4 | 532.1 |
| June .. | 1,712 | 1,425 | 178.6 | 16.5 | 6.2 | 14,134 | 6,637 | 1,307.2 | 817.7 | 521.9 |
| 1955-56— | p | p | p | | | | | | | |
| July .. | 1,779 | 1,492 | 195.8 | 15.2 | 6.0 | 14,194 | 5,921 | 1,280.8 | 829.9 | 520.7 |
| August .. | 1,908 | 1,471 | 197.7 | 16.8 | 6.2 | 15,396 | 6,509 | 1,264.2 | 820.4 | 479.3 |
| September .. | 1,801 | 1,376 | 189.1 | 16.0 | 6.6 | 15,490 | 6,493 | 1,257.7 | 823.1 | 493.3 |
| October .. | 1,681 | 1,369 | 194.2 | 15.0 | 6.6 | 15,236 | 6,766 | 1,277.1 | 831.4 | 519.2 |
| November .. | 1,737 | 1,358 | 192.2 | 14.9 | 6.0 | 15,512 | 6,437 | 1,295.8 | 823.3 | 551.4 |
| December .. | 1,346 | 1,301 | 192.7 | 14.4 | 5.9 | 14,254 | 7,142 | 1,321.5 | 814.5 | 563.1 |
| January .. | 843 | 1,263 | 197.5 | 9.9 | 4.6 | 13,552 | 6,097 | 1,331.8 | 784.2 | 489.8 |
| February .. | 1,447 | 1,300 | 192.7 | 12.3 | 5.3 | 13,521 | 6,285 | 1,331.9 | 773.7 | 501.5 |
| March .. | 1,479 | 1,389 | 202.3 | 14.2 | 5.6 | 14,790 | 6,803 | 1,334.4 | 776.2 | 526.9 |
| April .. | 1,547 | 1,356 | 187.6 | 11.0 | 5.0 | 14,151 | 6,116 | 1,321.5 | 786.8 | 522.4 |
| May .. | 1,774 | 1,545 | 218.2 | 12.2 | 6.2 | 15,547 | 7,352 | 1,277.8 | 798.4 | 561.4 |
| June .. | 1,691 | 1,565 | 217.0 | 11.7 | 5.3 | 15,541 | 7,422 | 1,260.4 | 793.9 | 525.3 |
| 1956-57— | | | | | | | | | | |
| July .. | 1,852 | 1,655 | 230.3 | 11.8 | 5.4 | 15,230 | 6,743 | 1,243.4 | 797.7 | 541.7 |
| August .. | 1,930 | 1,652 | 206.6 | 13.7 | 5.2 | 16,809 | 6,716 | 1,234.4 | 787.0 | 482.1 |
| September .. | 1,703 | 1,500 | 228.6 | 11.5 | 4.5 | 16,097 | 6,455 | 1,248.5 | 778.5 | 526.1 |
| October .. | 1,909 | 1,538 | 226.5 | 13.4 | 5.5 | 17,500 | 8,110 | 1,281.5 | 780.2 | 562.2 |
| November .. | 1,844 | 1,486 | 247.7 | 13.8 | 5.5 | 16,714 | 7,225 | 1,311.4 | 771.2 | 571.2 |
| December .. | 1,275 | 1,394 | 247.0 | 12.0 | 4.3 | | 7,611 | 1,340.6 | 762.2 | 589.6 |
| January .. | 1,085 | r1,410 | 260.4 | r10.9 | r3.9 | | 7,073 | 1,362.5 | 744.9 | 531.0 |
| February .. | 1,623 | 1,388 | 237.5 | 12.0 | 3.3 | | 7,312 | r1,390.9 | 732.5 | 590.7 |
| March .. | 1,608 | | 254.5 | 12.0 | 4.7 | | 8,020 | 1,416.3 | 725.5 | 597.3 |

(a) Excludes Northern Territory prior to July, 1953; also extra-metropolitan area of Western Australia prior to 1938-39.
 (b) Until December, 1946, averages of deposits and advances on Mondays in period; thereafter on Wednesdays. (c) Calculated from monthly returns of revenue and expenditure and not strictly comparable with annual figures above as monthly details exclude certain items of revenue and expenditure which are only allocated on an annual basis.

For meaning of symbols, n.a., p, r, —, see page 1.

POPULATION AND VITAL STATISTICS : AUSTRALIA.

| Period. | Marriages. | Births. | Deaths. | Natural Increase.(a) | Net Oversea Migration.(b) | Total Increase.(c) | Population at end of Period. |
|---------------------------|------------|---------|---------|----------------------|---------------------------|--------------------|------------------------------|
| Quarterly Average— | | | | | | | |
| 1946-47 | 19,399 | 48,072 | 18,401 | 29,671 | (d) —1,611 | (e) 28,550 | f7,579,358 |
| 1947-48 | 19,008 | 44,252 | 18,876 | 25,376 | 7,341 | (e) 32,351 | 7,708,761 |
| 1948-49 | 18,498 | 44,149 | 19,041 | 25,108 | 25,287 | (e) 49,826 | 7,908,066 |
| 1949-50 | 18,558 | 47,048 | 19,001 | 28,047 | 40,387 | (e) 67,657 | 8,178,696 |
| 1950-51 | 19,211 | 48,114 | 19,896 | 28,218 | 33,244 | (e) 60,770 | 8,421,775 |
| 1951-52 | 18,896 | 49,228 | 20,661 | 28,567 | 25,720 | (e) 53,671 | 8,636,458 |
| 1952-53 | 17,870 | 50,739 | 20,023 | 30,716 | 14,516 | (e) 44,726 | 8,815,362 |
| 1953-54 | 17,827 | 50,400 | 20,390 | 30,010 | 13,263 | (e) 42,792 | f8,986,530 |
| 1954-55 | 17,848 | 51,213 | 20,541 | 30,672 | 22,868 | 53,540 | 9,200,691 |
| 1955-56 | 18,169 | 52,719 | 20,712 | 32,007 | 24,710 | 56,717 | 9,427,558 |
| Quarterly Total— | | | | | | | |
| 1953-54— | | | | | | | |
| December Qtr. .. | 19,631 | 50,760 | 20,225 | 30,535 | 20,200 | (e) 50,175 | 8,902,686 |
| March | 17,868 | 49,709 | 17,367 | 32,342 | 12,175 | (e) 44,020 | 8,946,706 |
| June | 18,600 | 50,613 | 20,677 | 29,936 | 10,340 | (e) 39,824 | f8,986,530 |
| 1954-55— | | | | | | | |
| September | 15,097 | 50,772 | 24,670 | 26,102 | 16,809 | 42,911 | 9,029,441 |
| December | 19,664 | 51,162 | 19,091 | 32,071 | 28,883 | 60,954 | 9,090,395 |
| March | 17,705 | 51,318 | 17,680 | 33,638 | 25,101 | 58,739 | 9,149,134 |
| June | 18,924 | 51,600 | 20,723 | 30,877 | 20,680 | 51,557 | 9,200,691 |
| 1955-56— | | | | | | | |
| September | 15,449 | 53,714 | 24,209 | 29,505 | 25,853 | 55,358 | 9,256,049 |
| December | 20,094 | 51,045 | 19,424 | 31,621 | 25,621 | 57,242 | 9,313,291 |
| March | 18,680 | 52,614 | 18,073 | 34,541 | 29,421 | 63,962 | 9,377,253 |
| June | 18,453 | 53,502 | 21,140 | 32,362 | 17,943 | 50,305 | 9,427,558 |
| 1956-57— | | | | | | | |
| September | 15,328 | 53,698 | 26,511 | 27,187 | 24,446 | 51,633 | 9,479,191 |
| December | 19,319 | 52,319 | 20,365 | 31,954 | 22,188 | 54,142 | 9,533,333 |

(a) Excess of births over deaths. (b) Excess of arrivals over departures. (c) Includes natural increase and net overseas migration. (d) Minus sign (—) denotes excess of departures over arrivals. (e) Includes adjustments of population between July, 1933 and June, 1954, on the basis of Census results. (f) Census 30th June.

POPULATION: STATES.

| Date. | New South Wales. | Victoria. | Queensland. | South Australia. | Western Australia. | Tasmania. | Northern Territory. | Australian Capital Territory. | Australia. |
|-----------------------|------------------|-----------|-------------|------------------|--------------------|-----------|---------------------|-------------------------------|------------|
| 30th June— | | | | | | | | | |
| 1948 .. | 3,015,763 | 2,092,320 | 1,131,200 | 661,153 | 515,074 | 261,206 | 12,254 | 19,791 | 7,708,761 |
| 1949 .. | 3,092,621 | 2,142,986 | 1,159,124 | 679,305 | 532,191 | 267,062 | 13,391 | 21,386 | 7,908,066 |
| 1950 .. | 3,193,372 | 2,208,078 | 1,196,185 | 709,547 | 557,096 | 275,902 | 14,692 | 23,824 | 8,178,696 |
| 1951 .. | 3,278,032 | 2,276,575 | 1,227,701 | 732,430 | 580,343 | 286,193 | 15,609 | 24,892 | 8,421,775 |
| 1952 .. | 3,339,455 | 2,344,491 | 1,259,478 | 755,053 | 599,858 | 296,299 | 15,464 | 26,360 | 8,636,458 |
| 1953 .. | 3,383,792 | 2,395,254 | 1,291,410 | 775,781 | 620,547 | 304,080 | 15,853 | 28,645 | 8,815,362 |
| 1954 (a) .. | 3,423,529 | 2,452,341 | 1,318,259 | 797,094 | 639,771 | 308,752 | 16,469 | 30,315 | 8,986,530 |
| 1955 .. | 3,490,331 | 2,523,018 | 1,344,572 | 819,549 | 658,538 | 314,679 | 17,580 | 32,424 | 9,200,691 |
| 1956 .. | 3,553,432 | 2,605,088 | 1,370,697 | 848,526 | 677,389 | 319,648 | 18,297 | 34,481 | 9,427,558 |
| 31st December— | | | | | | | | | |
| 1956 .. | 3,588,343 | 2,632,623 | 1,378,947 | 861,912 | 684,835 | 332,810 | 17,853 | 36,010 | 9,533,333 |

(a) Census.

OVERSEA MIGRATION.

Permanent movement relates to persons, other than Australian troops, intending residence for one year, or longer—in Australia in the case of arrivals, and abroad in the case of departures. Temporary movement relates to persons intending residence for shorter periods, together with Australian troops from July, 1947 onwards, irrespective of length of intended residence.

| Period | Temporary Movement. | | | | Permanent Movement. | | |
|-------------------------|-----------------------|------------|-------------------------|------------|---------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------|
| | Australian Residents. | | Visitors from Overseas. | | Arrivals. | Australian Residents Departing. | Excess of Arrivals. |
| | Arriving. | Departing. | Arriving. | Departing. | | | |
| Monthly Average— | | | | | | | |
| 1946-47 | 793 | 940 | 1,229 | 1,430 | 1,918 | 2,106 | (a)—188 |
| 1947-48 | 2,238 | 1,981 | 1,729 | 1,897 | 3,881 | 1,523 | 2,358 |
| 1948-49 | 2,007 | 1,898 | 2,829 | 2,566 | 9,568 | 1,511 | 8,057 |
| 1949-50 | 2,336 | 2,500 | 3,470 | 3,644 | 15,407 | 1,608 | 13,799 |
| 1950-51 | 2,812 | 2,617 | 3,594 | 3,753 | 12,774 | 1,729 | 11,045 |
| 1951-52 | 3,251 | 3,233 | 3,895 | 4,085 | 10,872 | 2,126 | 8,746 |
| 1952-53 | 3,351 | 3,427 | 3,838 | 4,198 | 7,991 | 2,717 | 5,274 |
| 1953-54 | 3,648 | 3,556 | 3,953 | 3,906 | 7,206 | 2,924 | 4,282 |
| 1954-55 | 4,107 | 4,013 | 4,277 | 4,220 | 10,348 | 2,877 | 7,471 |
| 1955-56 | 4,719 | 4,469 | 4,608 | 4,515 | 11,052 | 3,159 | 7,893 |
| Monthly Total— | | | | | | | |
| 1954-55— | | | | | | | |
| March | 3,932 | 5,636 | 4,704 | 4,801 | 12,711 | 2,904 | 9,807 |
| April | 3,622 | 6,249 | 4,761 | 4,653 | 10,718 | 3,308 | 7,410 |
| May | 3,675 | 5,760 | 4,353 | 4,699 | 9,408 | 3,030 | 6,378 |
| June | 3,228 | 3,405 | 3,441 | 3,557 | 14,664 | 2,529 | 12,135 |
| 1955-56— | | | | | | | |
| July | 3,050 | 3,143 | 3,089 | 3,557 | 7,885 | 3,130 | 4,755 |
| August | 3,842 | 2,859 | 4,025 | 3,521 | 10,926 | 2,681 | 8,245 |
| September | 4,781 | 2,714 | 4,021 | 3,847 | 11,675 | 1,989 | 9,686 |
| October | 6,313 | 4,558 | 5,078 | 4,501 | 8,868 | 3,451 | 5,417 |
| November | 5,735 | 3,530 | 4,611 | 4,876 | 10,083 | 3,224 | 6,859 |
| December | 5,158 | 5,376 | 5,618 | 4,755 | 11,221 | 2,793 | 8,428 |
| January | 6,201 | 4,828 | 5,703 | 5,468 | 13,328 | 4,227 | 9,101 |
| February | 4,549 | 4,936 | 5,294 | 4,826 | 11,436 | 3,004 | 8,432 |
| March | 4,942 | 6,316 | 5,430 | 5,109 | 14,843 | 3,591 | 11,252 |
| April | 4,431 | 5,500 | 4,252 | 4,863 | 10,913 | 2,983 | 7,930 |
| May | 3,937 | 6,315 | 4,771 | 4,923 | 11,057 | 3,844 | 7,213 |
| June | 3,687 | 3,559 | 3,405 | 3,929 | 10,393 | 2,987 | 7,406 |
| 1956-57— | | | | | | | |
| July | 2,964 | 2,909 | 3,444 | 3,371 | 7,551 | 2,425 | 5,126 |
| August | 4,899 | 3,167 | 4,068 | 4,000 | 11,353 | 2,858 | 8,495 |
| September | 5,634 | 2,568 | 4,516 | 3,703 | 7,917 | 2,899 | 5,018 |
| October | 5,291 | 2,761 | 5,246 | 4,535 | 7,749 | 3,098 | 4,651 |
| November | 5,540 | 4,462 | 14,286 | 6,080 | 11,063 | 3,372 | 7,691 |
| December | 5,533 | 4,079 | 5,603 | 13,526 | 6,219 | 2,429 | 3,790 |
| January | 5,347 | 4,437 | 5,333 | 6,433 | 10,731 | 4,143 | 6,588 |
| February | 4,787 | 5,010 | 5,557 | 5,639 | 11,577 | 3,740 | 7,837 |
| March | 4,203 | 5,007 | 5,674 | 5,315 | 10,601 | 2,889 | 7,712 |

(a) Minus sign (—) denotes excess of departures over arrivals.

WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN EMPLOYMENT : AUSTRALIA.(a)

('000.)

| Month. | Total Civil Employment. (Excluding Rural and Household Domestic.) | | | Total Employment in Main Industrial Groups. | | | | | | |
|-------------------|--|--------------------|---------|---|---------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|---------------|-----------------------------|--|
| | Governmental Authorities.(b) | Private Employers. | Total. | Mining and Quarrying. | Factories.(c) | Building and Construction. | Transport and Communication. | Retail Trade. | Other Commerce and Finance. | Professional and Personal Services.(d) |
| MALES. | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1939—July .. | 349.8 | 943.3 | 1,293.1 | 52.2 | 391.5 | 149.7 | 185.9 | 259.7 | | 133.6 |
| 1954—June .. | 581.4 | 1,367.0 | 1,948.4 | 58.7 | 696.1 | 205.7 | 300.1 | 128.4 | 198.3 | 176.6 |
| 1955—June .. | 599.1 | 1,401.4 | 2,000.5 | 58.3 | 714.5 | 211.8 | 308.7 | 129.2 | 207.1 | 182.1 |
| 1956—June .. | 604.8 | 1,421.1 | 2,025.9 | 57.3 | 722.2 | 214.6 | 310.4 | 129.9 | 212.7 | 187.2 |
| 1955—November.. | 595.2 | 1,417.2 | 2,012.4 | 57.7 | 722.4 | 208.6 | 308.6 | 131.9 | 210.5 | 183.4 |
| December.. | 596.3 | 1,416.6 | 2,012.9 | 57.2 | 718.5 | 205.4 | 309.0 | 135.6 | 212.3 | 185.2 |
| 1956—January(e).. | 595.3 | 1,395.4 | 1,990.7 | 57.2 | 718.9 | 207.0 | 288.5 | 131.4 | 212.6 | 184.6 |
| February .. | 597.5 | 1,421.3 | 2,018.8 | 56.6 | 721.8 | 210.1 | 309.2 | 130.2 | 213.6 | 186.6 |
| November.. | 602.6 | 1,424.7 | 2,027.3 | 57.3 | 719.3 | 212.0 | 311.7 | 131.9 | 214.1 | 190.5 |
| December.. | 602.5 | 1,420.1 | 2,022.6 | 57.2 | 715.3 | 210.2 | 310.2 | 134.8 | 214.1 | 190.3 |
| 1957—January .. | 602.1 | 1,415.4 | 2,017.5 | 56.8 | 715.0 | 209.3 | 310.5 | 130.2 | 215.0 | 190.0 |
| February .. | 605.0 | 1,421.0 | 2,026.0 | 56.5 | 720.3 | 210.7 | 311.0 | 129.7 | 215.4 | 191.1 |
| FEMALES. | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1939—July .. | 55.2 | 381.9 | 437.1 | 0.3 | 148.2 | 1.2 | 12.6 | 114.9 | | 129.0 |
| 1954—June .. | 114.5 | 593.0 | 707.5 | 1.0 | 219.8 | 4.7 | 36.5 | 115.3 | 77.0 | 218.7 |
| 1955—June .. | 122.8 | 615.7 | 738.5 | 1.1 | 225.3 | 4.9 | 38.4 | 121.6 | 83.1 | 228.1 |
| 1956—June .. | 129.8 | 629.1 | 758.9 | 1.2 | 228.3 | 5.1 | 40.1 | 122.9 | 88.1 | 236.5 |
| 1955—November.. | 124.9 | 631.2 | 756.1 | 1.1 | 228.8 | 4.9 | 40.0 | 128.8 | 84.6 | 232.0 |
| December.. | 124.0 | 634.2 | 758.2 | 1.1 | 227.6 | 4.9 | 39.1 | 132.3 | 85.1 | 232.0 |
| 1956—January .. | 123.9 | 628.3 | 752.2 | 1.1 | 226.7 | 4.9 | 39.5 | 125.9 | 86.2 | 231.8 |
| February .. | 127.3 | 632.1 | 759.4 | 1.1 | 231.7 | 5.0 | 39.9 | 123.3 | 88.1 | 234.0 |
| November.. | 129.6 | 635.9 | 765.5 | 1.2 | 227.4 | 5.2 | 40.7 | 126.5 | 88.0 | 239.9 |
| December.. | 128.4 | 635.4 | 763.8 | 1.2 | 224.8 | 5.2 | 39.9 | 130.0 | 88.0 | 238.2 |
| 1957—January .. | 128.1 | 630.6 | 758.7 | 1.2 | 226.0 | 5.2 | 40.2 | 122.9 | 89.5 | 237.0 |
| February .. | 131.2 | 635.3 | 766.5 | 1.2 | 230.3 | 5.3 | 40.2 | 121.6 | 90.8 | 240.3 |
| PERSONS. | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1939—July .. | 405.0 | 1,325.2 | 1,730.2 | 52.5 | 539.7 | 150.9 | 198.5 | 374.6 | | 262.6 |
| 1954—June .. | 695.9 | 1,960.0 | 2,655.9 | 59.7 | 915.9 | 210.4 | 336.6 | 243.7 | 275.3 | 395.3 |
| 1955—June .. | 721.9 | 2,017.1 | 2,739.0 | 59.4 | 939.8 | 216.7 | 347.1 | 250.8 | 290.2 | 410.2 |
| 1956—June .. | 734.6 | 2,050.2 | 2,784.8 | 58.5 | 950.5 | 219.7 | 350.5 | 252.8 | 300.8 | 423.7 |
| 1955—November.. | 720.1 | 2,048.4 | 2,768.5 | 58.8 | 951.2 | 213.5 | 348.6 | 260.7 | 295.1 | 415.4 |
| December.. | 720.3 | 2,050.8 | 2,771.1 | 58.3 | 946.1 | 210.3 | 348.1 | 267.9 | 297.4 | 417.2 |
| 1956—January(e).. | 719.2 | 2,023.7 | 2,742.9 | 58.3 | 945.6 | 211.9 | 328.0 | 257.3 | 298.8 | 416.4 |
| February .. | 724.8 | 2,053.4 | 2,778.2 | 57.7 | 953.5 | 215.1 | 349.1 | 253.5 | 301.7 | 420.6 |
| November.. | 732.2 | 2,060.6 | 2,792.8 | 58.5 | 946.7 | 217.2 | 352.4 | 258.4 | 302.1 | 430.4 |
| December.. | 730.9 | 2,055.5 | 2,786.4 | 58.4 | 940.1 | 215.4 | 350.1 | 264.8 | 302.1 | 428.5 |
| 1957—January .. | 730.2 | 2,046.0 | 2,776.2 | 58.0 | 941.0 | 214.5 | 350.7 | 253.1 | 304.5 | 427.0 |
| February .. | 736.2 | 2,056.3 | 2,792.5 | 57.7 | 950.6 | 216.0 | 351.2 | 251.3 | 306.2 | 431.4 |

(a) Excludes Defence Forces at home or abroad, and National Service Trainees in camp. Estimated total employment is based on Pay-roll Tax returns and records of Government employment. Figures from June 1954, subject to revision. (b) Includes all employees of Australian Government authorities (Commonwealth, State and Local) on services such as railways, tramways, banks, post office, air transport, education, broadcasting, police, public works, factories and munitions establishments, migrant hostels, &c., as well as administrative employees within Australia. (c) Pay-roll series subject to revision. (d) Includes Education, Health, Hotels and Restaurants, other Professional and Personal Services (except female private domestic). (e) Affected by industrial disputes.

WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN EMPLOYMENT : STATES.(a)

('000.)

| Month. | New South Wales. | Victoria. | Queensland. | South Australia. | Western Australia. | Tasmania. | Northern Territory. | Australian Capital Territory. | Australia. |
|------------------|------------------|-----------|-------------|------------------|--------------------|-----------|---------------------|-------------------------------|------------|
| MALES. | | | | | | | | | |
| 1939—July .. | 529.9 | 357.5 | 172.8 | 106.7 | 82.9 | 37.4 | 2.1 | 3.8 | 1,293.1 |
| 1954—June .. | 758.1 | 539.7 | 263.7 | 176.0 | 135.0 | 62.8 | 4.9 | 8.2 | 1,948.4 |
| 1955—June .. | 779.2 | 556.7 | 272.0 | 178.7 | 136.4 | 64.0 | 4.8 | 8.7 | 2,000.5 |
| 1956—June .. | 787.8 | 564.2 | 276.0 | 184.5 | 135.5 | 64.4 | 5.0 | 8.5 | 2,025.9 |
| 1955—October .. | 779.4 | 556.8 | 273.1 | 179.5 | 136.3 | 62.9 | 4.9 | 8.8 | 2,001.7 |
| November.. | 784.1 | 559.7 | 273.9 | 180.7 | 137.0 | 63.3 | 4.9 | 8.8 | 2,012.4 |
| December.. | 786.1 | 560.9 | 269.0 | 181.9 | 137.5 | 63.7 | 4.9 | 8.9 | 2,012.9 |
| 1956—January (b) | 777.3 | 557.8 | 263.6 | 180.4 | 135.1 | 62.7 | 4.9 | 8.9 | 1,990.7 |
| February .. | 786.7 | 563.0 | 270.5 | 183.0 | 137.6 | 64.3 | 4.8 | 8.9 | 2,018.8 |
| October .. | 785.2 | 560.9 | 277.2 | 182.3 | 134.5 | 64.3 | 5.2 | 8.5 | 2,018.1 |
| November.. | 790.6 | 563.8 | 277.4 | 182.5 | 134.8 | 64.4 | 5.2 | 8.6 | 2,027.3 |
| December.. | 791.6 | 563.1 | 272.0 | 182.2 | 134.7 | 65.1 | 5.2 | 8.7 | 2,022.6 |
| 1957—January .. | 789.4 | 562.5 | 268.8 | 182.7 | 134.2 | 65.7 | 5.4 | 8.8 | 2,017.5 |
| February .. | 790.6 | 564.7 | 272.9 | 183.0 | 134.6 | 65.9 | 5.5 | 8.8 | 2,026.0 |
| FEMALES. | | | | | | | | | |
| 1939—July .. | 168.0 | 142.9 | 53.2 | 34.0 | 26.2 | 11.6 | 0.2 | 1.0 | 437.1 |
| 1954—June .. | 279.5 | 217.7 | 86.1 | 56.9 | 42.8 | 21.0 | 0.9 | 2.6 | 707.5 |
| 1955—June .. | 292.5 | 227.0 | 89.3 | 60.2 | 43.9 | 21.7 | 1.0 | 2.9 | 738.5 |
| 1956—June .. | 300.2 | 233.0 | 91.2 | 62.9 | 44.6 | 22.8 | 1.1 | 3.1 | 758.9 |
| 1955—October .. | 297.7 | 228.3 | 90.6 | 61.9 | 43.9 | 21.5 | 1.0 | 2.9 | 747.8 |
| November.. | 301.5 | 230.7 | 91.1 | 62.6 | 44.4 | 21.8 | 1.1 | 2.9 | 756.1 |
| December.. | 303.4 | 229.9 | 91.0 | 63.2 | 44.5 | 22.2 | 1.1 | 2.9 | 758.2 |
| 1956—January .. | 298.5 | 229.6 | 90.2 | 64.0 | 43.7 | 22.2 | 1.1 | 2.9 | 752.2 |
| February .. | 300.9 | 233.0 | 90.9 | 63.7 | 44.6 | 22.2 | 1.0 | 3.1 | 759.4 |
| October .. | 301.0 | 233.3 | 91.8 | 62.8 | 44.2 | 22.0 | 1.1 | 3.1 | 759.3 |
| November.. | 304.0 | 235.5 | 92.2 | 63.0 | 44.4 | 22.1 | 1.2 | 3.1 | 765.5 |
| December.. | 304.7 | 232.8 | 92.0 | 62.9 | 44.6 | 22.6 | 1.2 | 3.0 | 763.8 |
| 1957—January .. | 301.3 | 231.3 | 91.3 | 64.0 | 43.8 | 22.7 | 1.1 | 3.2 | 758.7 |
| February .. | 303.5 | 234.5 | 92.4 | 64.3 | 44.8 | 22.8 | 1.1 | 3.1 | 766.5 |
| PERSONS. | | | | | | | | | |
| 1939—July .. | 697.9 | 500.4 | 226.0 | 140.7 | 109.1 | 49.0 | 2.3 | 4.8 | 1,730.2 |
| 1954—June .. | 1,037.6 | 757.4 | 349.8 | 232.9 | 177.8 | 83.8 | 5.8 | 10.8 | 2,655.9 |
| 1955—June .. | 1,071.7 | 783.7 | 361.3 | 238.9 | 180.3 | 85.7 | 5.8 | 11.6 | 2,739.0 |
| 1956—June .. | 1,088.0 | 797.2 | 367.2 | 247.4 | 180.1 | 87.2 | 6.1 | 11.6 | 2,784.8 |
| 1955—October .. | 1,077.1 | 785.1 | 363.7 | 241.4 | 180.2 | 84.4 | 5.9 | 11.7 | 2,749.5 |
| November.. | 1,085.6 | 790.4 | 365.0 | 243.3 | 181.4 | 85.1 | 6.0 | 11.7 | 2,768.5 |
| December.. | 1,089.5 | 790.8 | 360.0 | 245.1 | 182.0 | 85.9 | 6.0 | 11.8 | 2,771.1 |
| 1956—January (b) | 1,075.8 | 787.4 | 353.8 | 244.4 | 178.8 | 84.9 | 6.0 | 11.8 | 2,742.9 |
| February .. | 1,087.6 | 796.0 | 361.4 | 246.7 | 182.2 | 86.5 | 5.8 | 12.0 | 2,778.2 |
| October .. | 1,086.2 | 794.2 | 369.0 | 245.1 | 178.7 | 86.3 | 6.3 | 11.6 | 2,777.4 |
| November.. | 1,094.6 | 799.3 | 369.6 | 245.5 | 179.2 | 86.5 | 6.4 | 11.7 | 2,792.8 |
| December.. | 1,096.3 | 795.9 | 364.0 | 245.1 | 179.3 | 87.7 | 6.4 | 11.7 | 2,786.4 |
| 1957—January .. | 1,090.7 | 793.8 | 360.1 | 246.7 | 178.0 | 88.4 | 6.5 | 12.0 | 2,776.2 |
| February .. | 1,094.1 | 799.2 | 365.3 | 247.3 | 179.4 | 88.7 | 6.6 | 11.9 | 2,792.5 |

(a) Excludes Rural, Household Domestic and Defence Forces and National Service Trainees in camp. disputes. See also notes on page 6.

(b) Affected by industrial

WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS EMPLOYED IN FACTORIES.(a)

| Period. | New South Wales. | Victoria. | Queensland. | South Australia. | Western Australia. | Tasmania. | Australia. | | | | |
|-----------------------|------------------|-----------|-------------|------------------|--------------------|-----------|------------|----------|----------|---|---------------------------------------|
| | | | | | | | Males. | Females. | Persons. | Index—Av. 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000. | |
| | | | | | | | | | | Un-adjusted. | Divided by Index of Total Population. |
| Monthly Average— | '000. | '000. | '000. | '000. | '000. | '000. | '000. | '000. | '000. | | |
| 1936-37 .. | 197.8 | 183.0 | 45.9 | 39.3 | 21.4 | 11.8 | 359.6 | 139.6 | 499.2 | 950 | 959 |
| 1937-38 .. | 215.6 | 193.6 | 49.6 | 42.6 | 22.0 | 12.5 | 387.7 | 148.2 | 535.9 | 1,019 | 1,019 |
| 1938-39 .. | 219.5 | 193.9 | 51.5 | 42.0 | 22.1 | 13.2 | 391.8 | 150.4 | 542.2 | 1,031 | 1,022 |
| 1949-50 .. | 358.8 | 281.5 | 79.6 | 75.7 | 36.6 | 21.9 | 636.9 | 217.2 | 854.1 | 1,624 | 1,386 |
| 1950-51 .. | 379.0 | 290.4 | 83.2 | 80.8 | 38.6 | 22.2 | 664.8 | 229.4 | 894.2 | 1,701 | 1,408 |
| 1951-52 .. | 377.9 | 292.2 | 83.1 | 81.3 | 38.8 | 22.0 | 672.3 | 223.0 | 895.3 | 1,703 | 1,369 |
| 1952-53 .. | 351.4 | 279.1 | 82.1 | 77.2 | 38.7 | 21.5 | 652.7 | 197.3 | 850.0 | 1,617 | 1,268 |
| 1953-54 .. | 369.6 | 296.1 | 85.0 | 82.2 | 40.3 | 22.4 | 681.1 | 214.5 | 895.6 | 1,703 | 1,312 |
| 1954-55 .. | 384.0 | 308.5 | 87.1 | 85.1 | 41.3 | 23.0 | 704.9 | 224.1 | 929.0 | 1,767 | 1,334 |
| 1955-56 .. | 391.5 | 315.6 | 87.8 | 87.0 | 41.8 | 24.3 | 719.8 | 228.2 | 948.0 | 1,803 | 1,328 |
| Monthly Total— | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1954-55— | | | | | | | | | | | |
| February.. | 386.8 | 311.2 | 85.2 | 85.8 | 41.7 | 23.2 | 707.1 | 226.8 | 933.9 | 1,776 | 1,336 |
| March .. | 387.7 | 312.5 | 85.7 | 86.4 | 41.9 | 23.5 | 709.7 | 228.0 | 937.7 | 1,784 | 1,339 |
| April .. | 386.9 | 311.2 | 86.4 | 86.5 | 41.9 | 23.8 | 711.4 | 225.3 | 936.7 | 1,782 | 1,336 |
| May .. | 388.0 | 310.7 | 88.0 | 85.8 | 42.0 | 23.8 | 713.5 | 224.8 | 938.3 | 1,785 | 1,335 |
| June .. | 388.2 | 311.6 | 88.9 | 85.7 | 41.8 | 23.6 | 714.5 | 225.3 | 939.8 | 1,787 | 1,335 |
| 1955-56— | | | | | | | | | | | |
| July(b) .. | 386.3 | 310.2 | 89.8 | 85.7 | 41.5 | 23.1 | 712.2 | 224.4 | 936.6 | 1,781 | 1,327 |
| August .. | 389.7 | 312.1 | 89.7 | 85.5 | 41.7 | 23.1 | 716.2 | 225.6 | 941.8 | 1,791 | 1,333 |
| September | 390.2 | 312.9 | 90.0 | 86.0 | 42.0 | 23.2 | 717.4 | 226.9 | 944.3 | 1,796 | 1,333 |
| October .. | 391.7 | 314.5 | 90.0 | 86.0 | 41.9 | 23.3 | 718.7 | 228.7 | 947.4 | 1,802 | 1,335 |
| November | 393.3 | 315.6 | 90.2 | 86.4 | 42.2 | 23.5 | 722.4 | 228.8 | 951.2 | 1,809 | 1,338 |
| December | 392.3 | 314.8 | 85.0 | 87.3 | 42.3 | 24.4 | 718.5 | 227.6 | 946.1 | 1,800 | 1,328 |
| January(b) | 391.1 | 315.5 | 83.4 | 88.7 | 42.1 | 24.8 | 718.9 | 226.7 | 945.6 | 1,799 | 1,324 |
| February.. | 394.2 | 318.9 | 85.4 | 88.3 | 42.0 | 24.7 | 721.8 | 231.7 | 953.5 | 1,814 | 1,332 |
| March .. | 392.5 | 319.6 | 86.0 | 88.6 | 41.7 | 24.8 | 722.4 | 230.8 | 953.2 | 1,813 | 1,328 |
| April .. | 393.1 | 318.5 | 87.0 | 87.8 | 41.5 | 25.4 | 723.9 | 229.4 | 953.3 | 1,813 | 1,326 |
| May .. | 392.4 | 317.5 | 88.1 | 87.1 | 41.3 | 25.5 | 723.1 | 228.8 | 951.9 | 1,810 | 1,321 |
| June .. | 391.6 | 316.6 | 89.5 | 86.4 | 41.0 | 25.4 | 722.2 | 228.3 | 950.5 | 1,808 | 1,318 |
| 1956-57— | | | | | | | | | | | |
| July .. | 389.5 | 315.0 | 90.0 | 86.1 | 40.7 | 25.3 | 719.9 | 226.7 | 946.6 | 1,800 | 1,309 |
| August .. | 390.0 | 313.6 | 89.5 | 85.8 | 40.5 | 25.1 | 718.2 | 226.3 | 944.5 | 1,796 | 1,304 |
| September | 390.9 | 313.7 | 89.7 | 85.6 | 40.8 | 24.6 | 718.1 | 227.2 | 945.3 | 1,798 | 1,303 |
| October | 391.1 | 312.5 | 89.3 | 85.5 | 40.9 | 24.7 | 716.9 | 227.1 | 944.0 | 1,795 | 1,299 |
| November | 392.8 | 313.3 | 89.6 | 85.2 | 41.0 | 24.8 | 719.3 | 227.4 | 946.7 | 1,801 | 1,300 |
| December | 391.6 | 311.7 | 85.2 | 85.2 | 41.0 | 25.4 | 715.3 | 224.8 | 940.1 | 1,788 | 1,288 |
| January .. | 393.0 | 310.7 | 83.4 | 86.8 | 40.9 | 26.2 | 715.0 | 226.0 | 941.0 | 1,790 | 1,288 |
| February.. | 394.9 | 314.3 | 87.3 | 87.1 | 41.0 | 26.0 | 720.3 | 230.3 | 950.6 | 1,808 | 1,298 |

(a) Excludes National Service Trainees in camp. Figures from 1949-50 subject to revision.

(b) Affected by industrial disputes.

WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS EMPLOYED IN RETAIL TRADE. (a)

('000.)

| Period. | New South Wales. | Victoria. | Queens-land. | South Australia. | Western Australia. | Tasmania. | Australia.(b) | | |
|-------------------------|------------------|-----------|--------------|------------------|--------------------|-----------|---------------|----------|----------|
| | | | | | | | Males. | Females. | Persons. |
| Monthly Average— | | | | | | | | | |
| 1949-50.. .. | 93.4 | 66.8 | 30.2 | 23.1 | 17.6 | 7.0 | 126.7 | 112.0 | 238.7 |
| 1950-51.. .. | 97.2 | 68.8 | 31.1 | 23.9 | 18.2 | 7.3 | 129.3 | 117.8 | 247.1 |
| 1951-52.. .. | 95.9 | 68.6 | 31.3 | 23.6 | 18.4 | 7.3 | 128.0 | 117.7 | 245.7 |
| 1952-53.. .. | 90.1 | 66.1 | 30.0 | 22.4 | 18.1 | 7.2 | 124.2 | 110.4 | 234.6 |
| 1953-54.. .. | 93.0 | 67.5 | 30.6 | 23.1 | 19.0 | 7.5 | 127.2 | 114.0 | 241.2 |
| 1954-55.. .. | 96.3 | 69.9 | 31.2 | 24.2 | 19.6 | 7.7 | 129.7 | 119.8 | 249.5 |
| 1955-56.. .. | 97.7 | 71.4 | 31.7 | 25.3 | 19.8 | 8.0 | 130.5 | 124.2 | 254.7 |
| Monthly Total— | | | | | | | | | |
| 1954-55— | | | | | | | | | |
| February | 95.8 | 70.0 | 30.8 | 24.5 | 19.4 | 7.8 | 129.6 | 119.5 | 249.1 |
| March | 96.1 | 69.8 | 30.8 | 24.5 | 19.6 | 7.8 | 129.6 | 119.6 | 249.2 |
| April | 95.9 | 70.0 | 31.0 | 24.5 | 19.7 | 7.8 | 129.2 | 120.3 | 249.5 |
| May | 96.5 | 70.3 | 31.3 | 24.6 | 19.7 | 7.8 | 129.4 | 121.6 | 251.0 |
| June | 95.7 | 71.0 | 31.3 | 24.6 | 19.8 | 7.8 | 129.2 | 121.6 | 250.8 |
| 1955-56— | | | | | | | | | |
| July | 96.1 | 70.0 | 31.5 | 24.7 | 19.7 | 7.9 | 128.8 | 121.7 | 250.5 |
| August | 95.9 | 70.2 | 31.3 | 24.6 | 19.6 | 7.8 | 128.8 | 121.3 | 250.1 |
| September | 96.1 | 70.6 | 31.3 | 24.9 | 19.6 | 7.8 | 128.9 | 122.1 | 251.0 |
| October | 96.5 | 71.2 | 31.6 | 25.1 | 19.7 | 7.9 | 129.5 | 123.3 | 252.8 |
| November | 100.6 | 73.0 | 32.5 | 25.7 | 20.0 | 8.1 | 131.9 | 128.8 | 260.7 |
| December | 106.0 | 73.5 | 32.5 | 26.3 | 20.5 | 8.3 | 135.6 | 132.3 | 267.9 |
| January | 98.0 | 72.3 | 32.1 | 25.9 | 20.2 | 8.0 | 131.4 | 125.9 | 257.3 |
| February | 96.6 | 71.2 | 31.4 | 25.7 | 19.9 | 8.0 | 130.2 | 123.3 | 253.5 |
| March | 97.2 | 71.2 | 31.5 | 25.3 | 19.8 | 8.0 | 130.5 | 123.2 | 253.7 |
| April | 96.3 | 71.2 | 31.6 | 25.3 | 19.8 | 8.0 | 130.1 | 122.7 | 252.8 |
| May | 96.5 | 71.3 | 31.7 | 25.4 | 19.7 | 8.0 | 130.1 | 123.3 | 253.4 |
| June | 96.0 | 71.6 | 31.9 | 25.2 | 19.6 | 7.8 | 129.9 | 122.9 | 252.8 |
| 1956-57— | | | | | | | | | |
| July | 95.8 | 71.0 | 31.7 | 25.3 | 19.6 | 7.8 | 129.5 | 122.4 | 251.9 |
| August | 95.1 | 70.6 | 31.6 | 24.8 | 19.5 | 7.8 | 129.0 | 121.0 | 250.0 |
| September | 94.9 | 70.8 | 31.5 | 24.8 | 19.4 | 7.7 | 128.7 | 121.1 | 249.8 |
| October | 95.3 | 71.2 | 31.9 | 24.9 | 19.6 | 7.8 | 129.2 | 122.2 | 251.4 |
| November | 99.1 | 72.9 | 32.7 | 25.2 | 19.7 | 7.9 | 131.9 | 126.5 | 258.4 |
| December | 103.5 | 73.8 | 32.9 | 25.1 | 20.2 | 8.4 | 134.8 | 130.0 | 264.8 |
| January | 96.1 | 71.1 | 32.1 | 25.0 | 19.9 | 8.1 | 130.2 | 122.9 | 253.1 |
| February | 95.3 | 70.9 | 31.9 | 24.7 | 19.8 | 8.0 | 129.7 | 121.6 | 251.3 |

(a) Estimates based on Pay-roll Tax returns. Excludes National Service Trainees in camp. Figures subject to revision.
 (b) Includes Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory.

AVERAGE WEEKLY TOTAL WAGES PAID AND AVERAGE EARNINGS.

The following figures are derived from employment and wages recorded on Pay-roll Tax returns (which cover approximately 75 per cent. of total employment) and from estimates of the unrecorded balance. Pay of members of the armed forces is not included. The figures are not seasonally adjusted. A seasonally adjusted quarterly index of average weekly wage earnings is published on page 2.

| Period. | New South Wales.(a) | Victoria. | Queensland. | South Australia.(b) | Western Australia. | Tasmania. | Australia. |
|--|---------------------|-----------|-------------|---------------------|--------------------|-----------|------------|
| AVERAGE WEEKLY TOTAL WAGES PAID (£'000). | | | | | | | |
| 1949-50 | 9,018 | 6,370 | 2,838 | 1,894 | 1,315 | 672 | 22,107 |
| 1950-51 | 11,385 | 7,916 | 3,501 | 2,389 | 1,639 | 817 | 27,647 |
| 1951-52 | 14,364 | 9,816 | 4,319 | 3,018 | 2,108 | 1,059 | 34,684 |
| 1952-53 | 15,090 | 10,490 | 4,750 | 3,311 | 2,344 | 1,178 | 37,163 |
| 1953-54 | 16,043 | 11,305 | 5,065 | 3,561 | 2,586 | 1,280 | 39,840 |
| 1954-55 | 17,357 | 12,221 | 5,398 | 3,839 | 2,731 | 1,365 | 42,911 |
| 1955-56 | 18,955 | 13,358 | 5,809 | 4,195 | 2,897 | 1,476 | 46,690 |
| 1954-55— | | | | | | | |
| December Qtr. .. | 17,918 | 12,440 | 5,612 | 3,862 | 2,773 | 1,345 | 43,950 |
| March | 16,511 | 11,678 | 5,017 | 3,712 | 2,610 | 1,346 | 40,874 |
| June | 18,235 | 12,916 | 5,619 | 4,033 | 2,813 | 1,492 | 45,108 |
| 1955-56— | | | | | | | |
| September | 18,454 | 12,890 | 5,765 | 4,097 | 2,844 | 1,414 | 45,464 |
| December | 19,683 | 13,664 | 6,034 | 4,267 | 2,980 | 1,462 | 48,090 |
| March | 18,229 | 12,832 | 5,435 | 4,057 | 2,849 | 1,442 | 44,844 |
| June | 19,453 | 14,045 | 6,002 | 4,359 | 2,915 | 1,587 | 48,361 |
| 1956-57— | | | | | | | |
| September | 19,613 | 13,877 | 6,145 | 4,364 | 3,003 | 1,529 | 48,531 |
| December | 21,038 | 14,627 | 6,584 | 4,497 | 3,011 | 1,610 | 51,367 |
| AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS PER EMPLOYED MALE UNIT (£).(c) | | | | | | | |
| 1949-50 | 9.50 | 9.78 | 8.34 | 8.83 | 8.65 | 8.49 | 9.26 |
| 1950-51 | 11.46 | 11.70 | 9.82 | 10.58 | 10.23 | 9.99 | 11.09 |
| 1951-52 | 14.24 | 14.20 | 11.93 | 13.13 | 12.80 | 12.59 | 13.65 |
| 1952-53 | 15.50 | 15.46 | 13.32 | 14.58 | 14.13 | 13.97 | 14.95 |
| 1953-54 | 16.15 | 16.27 | 14.05 | 15.30 | 15.04 | 14.92 | 15.69 |
| 1954-55 | 16.96 | 17.06 | 14.51 | 16.09 | 15.55 | 15.60 | 16.42 |
| 1955-56 | 18.16 | 18.22 | 15.34 | 17.10 | 16.37 | 16.66 | 17.51 |
| 1954-55— | | | | | | | |
| December Qtr. .. | 17.53 | 17.45 | 15.14 | 16.26 | 15.78 | 15.51 | 16.86 |
| March | 16.07 | 16.20 | 13.59 | 15.50 | 14.86 | 15.20 | 15.59 |
| June | 17.64 | 17.81 | 14.90 | 16.73 | 15.92 | 16.76 | 17.07 |
| 1955-56— | | | | | | | |
| September | 17.79 | 17.75 | 15.16 | 16.98 | 16.12 | 16.11 | 17.16 |
| December | 18.83 | 18.68 | 15.89 | 17.49 | 16.82 | 16.65 | 18.04 |
| March | 17.46 | 17.43 | 14.54 | 16.43 | 16.08 | 16.25 | 16.81 |
| June | 18.57 | 19.00 | 15.75 | 17.51 | 16.45 | 17.61 | 18.02 |
| 1956-57— | | | | | | | |
| September | 18.75 | 18.87 | 15.97 | 17.63 | 17.14 | 17.15 | 18.12 |
| December | 20.01 | 19.84 | 17.14 | 18.20 | 17.19 | 18.04 | 19.13 |

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (b) Includes Northern Territory. (c) Total wages as above divided by total civil employment expressed in male units. Male units represent total male employment plus a proportion of female employment based on the approximate ratio of female to male earnings. The same ratio has been used in each State and because the average ratio of female to male earnings may vary between States, precise comparisons between average earnings in different States cannot be made on the basis of the figures above.

NOTE.—Comparisons as to trend should be made for complete years or corresponding periods of incomplete years. Quarterly totals and averages are affected by seasonal influences.

UNEMPLOYMENT, SICKNESS AND SPECIAL BENEFITS.(a)

NUMBER OF PERSONS ON BENEFIT.

| Period. | Unemployment. | | | | | | | | Sickness. | Special. |
|------------------------------------|---------------------|-----------|-------------|---------------------|--------------------|-----------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| | New South Wales.(c) | Victoria. | Queensland. | South Australia.(d) | Western Australia. | Tasmania. | A.C.T. (e) | Australia. | Australia. | Australia. |
| Average of Monthly Figures— | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1948-49 (f) .. | 282 | 32 | 1,094 | 15 | 121 | 31 | .. | 1,575 | 7,614 | 591 |
| 1949-50 (f) .. | 8,327 | 123 | 1,371 | 241 | 155 | 30 | .. | 10,247 | 7,585 | 897 |
| 1950-51 (f) .. | 287 | 71 | 326 | 6 | 59 | 14 | .. | 763 | 7,059 | 863 |
| 1951-52 (f) .. | 949 | 220 | 1,374 | 24 | 64 | 16 | .. | 2,647 | 6,454 | 993 |
| 1952-53 .. | 17,590 | 6,168 | 4,281 | 842 | 841 | 262 | .. | 29,984 | 7,140 | 1,408 |
| 1953-54 .. | 6,495 | 2,698 | 3,169 | 252 | 406 | 212 | .. | 13,232 | 7,994 | 1,868 |
| 1954-55 .. | 1,440 | 539 | 1,408 | 66 | 153 | 81 | 3 | 3,690 | 7,984 | 1,983 |
| 1955-56 .. | 1,362 | 479 | 1,511 | 83 | 515 | 57 | 6 | 4,013 | 7,303 | 1,973 |
| Last Saturday of Month— | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1954-55— | | | | | | | | | | |
| March .. | 1,240 | 286 | 2,347 | 43 | 131 | 35 | 2 | g 4,086 | 7,702 | 2,035 |
| April .. | 1,113 | 288 | 1,799 | 50 | 157 | 41 | 3 | g 3,453 | 7,599 | 2,076 |
| May .. | 1,049 | 335 | 1,140 | 62 | 171 | 32 | 4 | h 2,794 | 7,734 | 2,090 |
| June .. | 1,040 | 319 | 964 | 70 | 239 | 45 | 2 | 2,679 | 7,905 | 2,045 |
| 1955-56— | | | | | | | | | | |
| July .. | 1,068 | 335 | 615 | 55 | 268 | 67 | 2 | 2,410 | 8,111 | 2,007 |
| August .. | 899 | 367 | 539 | 49 | 248 | 83 | 2 | h 2,188 | 8,077 | 2,026 |
| September .. | 706 | 327 | 425 | 37 | 256 | 80 | 1 | 1,832 | 7,729 | 1,977 |
| October .. | 658 | 294 | 427 | 46 | 215 | 85 | 2 | 1,727 | 7,402 | 1,957 |
| November .. | 644 | 277 | 431 | 44 | 216 | 64 | 1 | 1,677 | 7,409 | 1,970 |
| December .. | 965 | 356 | 1,442 | 56 | 377 | 48 | 1 | 3,245 | 6,703 | 1,943 |
| January .. | 1,321 | 359 | 2,561 | 46 | 414 | 40 | 1 | 4,742 | 6,846 | 1,965 |
| February .. | 1,932 | 341 | 3,371 | 55 | 374 | 50 | 5 | 6,128 | 7,150 | 1,998 |
| March .. | 2,233 | 350 | 3,268 | 62 | 536 | 31 | 12 | g 6,494 | 6,855 | 1,966 |
| April .. | 1,771 | 566 | 2,223 | 86 | 683 | 30 | 18 | g 5,379 | 6,979 | 1,947 |
| May .. | 1,837 | 760 | 1,562 | 140 | 989 | 36 | 11 | h 5,336 | 7,129 | 1,977 |
| June .. | 2,313 | 1,412 | 1,270 | 319 | 1,606 | 71 | 12 | 7,003 | 7,244 | 1,947 |
| 1956-57— | | | | | | | | | | |
| July .. | 3,051 | 2,515 | 909 | 493 | 2,082 | 91 | 22 | h 9,164 | 7,453 | 2,040 |
| August .. | 3,103 | 3,129 | 809 | 706 | 2,304 | 110 | 16 | 10,177 | 7,557 | 2,029 |
| September .. | 3,208 | 2,949 | 792 | 674 | 1,871 | 108 | 12 | 9,614 | 7,288 | 1,998 |
| October .. | 3,126 | 3,067 | 829 | 640 | 1,788 | 88 | 7 | 9,545 | 7,261 | 1,986 |
| November .. | 3,308 | 3,085 | 821 | 770 | 1,666 | 92 | 16 | h 9,759 | 7,137 | 1,962 |
| December .. | 4,329 | 3,593 | 2,118 | 978 | 2,126 | 97 | 36 | 13,277 | 6,520 | 1,967 |
| January .. | 4,168 | 3,493 | 4,083 | 702 | 2,244 | 88 | 23 | h 14,802 | 6,515 | 2,053 |
| February .. | 4,327 | 2,677 | 4,218 | 462 | 1,930 | 71 | 9 | 13,694 | 6,808 | 2,076 |
| March .. | 4,311 | 2,771 | 3,802 | 481 | 1,607 | 94 | 11 | 13,077 | 7,112 | 2,063 |

(a) As furnished by the Department of Social Services. (b) Excludes migrants. (c) Includes Australian Capital Territory prior to July, 1954. (d) Includes Northern Territory prior to July, 1954. (e) Included with New South Wales prior to July, 1954. (f) Compiled from information furnished by the Department of Social Services on the operation of Part VII. of the Social Services Act 1947-1956. (g) Includes Northern Territory, 2. (h) Includes Northern Territory, 1.

UNEMPLOYMENT, SICKNESS AND SPECIAL BENEFITS—continued.

NUMBER ADMITTED TO UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFIT(a) AND AMOUNT PAID IN BENEFITS : AUSTRALIA.

| Period. | Number Admitted to Unemployment Benefit. | | | Amount Paid in Benefits. | | | | |
|-------------------------|--|----------|----------|--------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|---------|
| | Males. | Females. | Persons. | Unem- ployment. | Sickness. | Special— | | Total. |
| | | | | | | Migrants. | Ordinary. | |
| | | | | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Monthly Average— | | | | | | | | |
| 1948-49.. .. | 955 | 56 | 1,011 | 11,570 | 66,319 | 7,088 | 4,225 | 89,202 |
| 1949-50.. .. | 10,854 | 2,571 | 13,425 | 105,506 | 68,001 | 35,361 | | 208,868 |
| 1950-51.. .. | 881 | 111 | 992 | 5,204 | 62,143 | 13,520 | 5,568 | 86,435 |
| 1951-52.. .. | 1,771 | 520 | 2,291 | 15,584 | 59,157 | 2,319 | 6,911 | 83,971 |
| 1952-53.. .. | 12,793 | 1,797 | 14,590 | 380,812 | 116,108 | 8,172 | 16,197 | 521,289 |
| 1953-54.. .. | 4,368 | 810 | 5,178 | 208,788 | 139,633 | 4,561 | 25,639 | 378,621 |
| 1954-55.. .. | 1,529 | 496 | 2,025 | 56,620 | 133,987 | 4,534 | 24,848 | 219,989 |
| 1955-56.. .. | 2,525 | 590 | 3,115 | 55,985 | 126,589 | 5,433 | 25,585 | 213,592 |
| Monthly Total— | | | | | | | | |
| 1954-55— | | | | | | | | |
| March | 2,590 | 616 | 3,206 | 63,793 | 145,720 | 2,844 | 28,597 | 240,954 |
| April (b) .. | 1,714 | 558 | 2,272 | 65,445 | 142,051 | 4,112 | 25,774 | 237,382 |
| May | 927 | 453 | 1,380 | 54,011 | 126,048 | 5,414 | 28,154 | 213,627 |
| June | 1,043 | 476 | 1,519 | 39,883 | 121,975 | 1,390 | 27,838 | 191,086 |
| 1955-56— | | | | | | | | |
| July (b) .. | 1,076 | 638 | 1,714 | 37,265 | 127,405 | 3,745 | 32,994 | 201,409 |
| August | 681 | 363 | 1,044 | 30,073 | 127,300 | 3,404 | 25,402 | 186,179 |
| September .. | 607 | 276 | 883 | 29,572 | 154,338 | 4,307 | 32,351 | 220,568 |
| October (b) .. | 706 | 363 | 1,069 | 23,563 | 121,599 | 11,343 | 16,726 | 173,231 |
| November .. | 663 | 338 | 1,001 | 22,461 | 120,050 | 4,763 | 24,762 | 172,036 |
| December (b) .. | 2,225 | 449 | 2,674 | 23,298 | 121,350 | 2,603 | 23,519 | 170,770 |
| January | 3,733 | 439 | 4,172 | 52,714 | 139,321 | 6,945 | 26,958 | 225,938 |
| February | 5,851 | 850 | 6,701 | 80,469 | 119,925 | 7,737 | 22,343 | 230,474 |
| March (b) .. | 3,776 | 816 | 4,592 | 90,790 | 123,763 | 3,278 | 24,865 | 242,696 |
| April | 3,078 | 694 | 3,772 | 108,321 | 120,559 | 8,714 | 24,419 | 262,013 |
| May | 2,987 | 790 | 3,777 | 86,573 | 119,215 | 4,563 | 25,652 | 236,003 |
| June (b) .. | 4,919 | 1,066 | 5,985 | 86,720 | 124,246 | 3,797 | 27,032 | 241,795 |
| 1956-57— | | | | | | | | |
| July | 5,405 | 1,017 | 6,422 | 101,482 | 120,263 | 8,638 | 22,206 | 252,589 |
| August | 6,203 | 1,029 | 7,232 | 141,971 | 147,559 | 6,164 | 29,466 | 325,160 |
| September(b) .. | 6,289 | 985 | 7,274 | 137,539 | 122,136 | 5,042 | 22,366 | 287,083 |
| October | 4,703 | 828 | 5,531 | 145,851 | 137,133 | 1,789 | 27,377 | 312,150 |
| November .. | 4,564 | 987 | 5,551 | 128,343 | 108,286 | 1,647 | 24,028 | 262,304 |
| December(b) .. | 7,480 | 1,071 | 8,551 | 119,325 | 106,912 | 3,925 | 24,167 | 254,329 |
| January | 8,069 | 849 | 8,918 | 247,430 | 133,027 | 4,747 | 31,168 | 416,372 |
| February | 7,755 | 1,245 | 9,000 | 222,303 | 116,006 | 4,956 | 31,777 | 375,042 |
| March (b) .. | 6,907 | 1,467 | 8,374 | 193,234 | 117,846 | 7,286 | 25,130 | 343,496 |

(a) Number admitted during the four weeks ended on the last Saturday in the month except where otherwise shown. (b) Number admitted during the five weeks ended on the last Saturday in the month.

VALUE OF RETAIL SALES IN AUSTRALIA(a): COMMODITY GROUPS.

The figures in the table below relate to goods (as distinct from services, accommodation, entertainments, meals, etc.) sold to the public by establishments selling retail goods from fixed premises (shops, rooms, kiosks, yards) and include the retail sales of establishments principally engaged in wholesale, manufacturing or servicing activities. The table contains particulars of retail sales of goods for the years 1948-49 to 1955-56 on a comparable basis throughout. The figures for the years 1948-49 and 1952-53 were obtained from Censuses taken in respect of those years, whereas figures for the other periods shown are estimates based on sample surveys. To provide comparability with the 1952-53 Census an adjustment has been made in the figures originally published for hardware, china and glassware for 1948-49 and subsequent periods.

(£ million.)

| Period. | Gro- ceries. | Butchers' Meat. | Other Food. (b) | Beer, Wine and Spirits. | Clothing, Drapery and Foot- wear. | Hard- ware.(c) | Electri- cal Goods. | Furni- ture. | Other Goods. | Total (Excl. Motor Vehicles, etc.). | Motor Vehicles, Parts, Petrol, etc.(d) |
|---------------------------|-----------------|--------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------------|--|-------------------|---------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|---|--|
| Quarterly Average— | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1948-49 .. | 35.9 | 16.3 | 29.1 | 23.8 | 59.5 | 13.9 | 8.5 | 11.6 | 42.0 | 240.6 | 41.5 |
| 1949-50 .. | 40.2 | 18.9 | 32.9 | 26.2 | 66.0 | 16.6 | 10.9 | 13.6 | 51.1 | 276.4 | 68.3 |
| 1950-51 .. | 46.5 | 23.1 | 38.9 | 30.8 | 82.1 | 22.8 | 16.2 | 19.2 | 63.1 | 342.7 | 95.5 |
| 1951-52 .. | 58.2 | 29.7 | 47.0 | 38.5 | 87.9 | 27.4 | 19.4 | 19.0 | 76.9 | 404.0 | 108.3 |
| 1952-53 .. | 65.4 | 32.0 | 51.7 | 43.3 | 88.8 | 28.5 | 19.0 | 18.2 | 78.9 | 425.8 | 104.3 |
| 1953-54 .. | 68.8 | 33.4 | 55.9 | 46.7 | 96.9 | 31.2 | 22.8 | 20.3 | 84.2 | 460.2 | 122.8 |
| 1954-55 .. | 76.5 | 36.6 | 61.5 | 50.5 | 105.4 | 35.6 | 24.9 | 21.6 | 91.2 | 503.8 | 144.7 |
| 1955-56 .. | 83.7 | 39.8 | 67.5 | 54.9 | 109.8 | 38.3 | 26.3 | 22.8 | 97.8 | 540.9 | 160.2 |
| Quarterly Total— | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1951-52— | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Dec. | 59.9 | 29.5 | 48.9 | 41.7 | 97.7 | 29.6 | 22.2 | 20.5 | 87.3 | 437.3 | 115.7 |
| Mar. | 58.2 | 30.1 | 48.4 | 41.3 | 77.9 | 26.7 | 18.2 | 17.2 | 74.2 | 392.2 | 108.5 |
| June | 61.6 | 31.2 | 47.3 | 38.6 | 92.6 | 27.1 | 16.6 | 17.7 | 74.9 | 407.6 | 103.5 |
| 1952-53— | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sept. | 62.8 | 31.8 | 48.6 | 38.7 | 80.3 | 26.4 | 16.9 | 17.3 | 74.7 | 397.5 | 95.2 |
| Dec. | 68.9 | 32.1 | 54.2 | 47.4 | 100.6 | 30.9 | 22.5 | 19.8 | 89.4 | 465.8 | 110.3 |
| Mar. | 63.2 | 31.2 | 51.8 | 44.9 | 76.5 | 27.2 | 18.4 | 17.5 | 75.0 | 405.7 | 101.5 |
| June | 66.6 | 32.7 | 52.2 | 42.0 | 97.7 | 29.3 | 18.0 | 18.2 | 76.4 | 433.1 | 110.3 |
| 1953-54— | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sept. | 67.9 | 33.4 | 53.0 | 41.9 | 88.0 | 29.6 | 20.1 | 19.6 | 78.9 | 432.4 | 113.5 |
| Dec. | 72.9 | 33.8 | 58.5 | 51.9 | 111.4 | 34.9 | 28.0 | 22.8 | 96.6 | 510.8 | 127.2 |
| Mar. | 65.6 | 32.7 | 56.0 | 48.3 | 82.7 | 28.7 | 22.1 | 18.1 | 78.6 | 432.8 | 117.2 |
| June | 68.7 | 34.0 | 56.2 | 44.6 | 105.5 | 31.5 | 21.0 | 20.5 | 82.8 | 464.8 | 133.2 |
| 1954-55— | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sept. | 72.3 | 35.9 | 58.2 | 45.4 | 97.3 | 34.3 | 23.2 | 21.8 | 82.3 | 470.7 | 141.1 |
| Dec. | 80.8 | 36.6 | 64.1 | 53.6 | 120.0 | 39.2 | 30.5 | 24.4 | 104.8 | 554.0 | 148.2 |
| Mar. | 74.2 | 36.0 | 61.8 | 53.4 | 90.0 | 33.6 | 23.8 | 19.2 | 86.4 | 478.4 | 136.6 |
| June | 78.7 | 38.1 | 61.7 | 49.7 | 114.2 | 35.4 | 22.1 | 21.1 | 91.1 | 512.1 | 153.6 |
| 1955-56— | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sept. | 81.1 | 38.5 | 63.9 | 49.2 | 103.7 | 37.7 | 25.1 | 23.2 | 91.6 | 514.0 | 163.3 |
| Dec. | 86.1 | 39.4 | 70.2 | 58.9 | 125.9 | 42.2 | 32.5 | 25.7 | 115.5 | 596.4 | 167.1 |
| Mar. | 83.2 | 39.5 | 69.4 | 57.2 | 93.1 | 35.7 | 24.6 | 20.3 | 89.8 | 512.8 | 154.0 |
| June | 84.3 | 41.9 | 66.6 | 54.1 | 116.4 | 37.7 | 23.1 | 22.1 | 94.2 | 540.4 | 156.6 |
| 1956-57— | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sept. | 87.7 | 42.4 | 67.9 | 53.3 | 102.9 | 36.9 | 24.8 | 23.1 | 97.1 | 536.1 | 156.5 |
| Dec. | 93.2 | 42.7 | 72.0 | 64.3 | 129.4 | 42.1 | 34.2 | 25.9 | 117.7 | 621.5 | 167.6 |

(a) Excludes Australian Capital Territory and Northern Territory. (b) Includes fresh fruit and vegetables, confectionery, soft drinks, ice cream, cakes, pastry, cooked provisions, fish, etc., but excludes some delivered milk and bread. (c) Excludes basic building materials (e.g. timber, roofing tiles, bricks, etc.). (d) Excludes farm machinery and implements, earth-moving equipment, etc.

RETAIL SALES: HIRE PURCHASE AGREEMENTS ENTERED INTO BY FINANCE COMPANIES.

The following statistics relate to businesses which finance the sale of goods by retail but do not retail goods themselves. Agreements originally made between retailers and customers, and subsequently assigned to finance companies are excluded from the particulars of agreements made during each quarter, but, from the time of assignment, are included in the figures for balances outstanding.

NEW AGREEMENTS MADE, AUSTRALIA.

| Period. | Number of Agreements. | Value of Goods.(a) | | Amount Financed.(b) | | Average Proportion of Hire Purchase Sale Financed.(b) (Per cent.) |
|---------|-----------------------|--------------------|----------------------------|---------------------|----------------------------|---|
| | | Total. (£'000.) | Average per Agreement. (£) | Total. (£'000.) | Average per Agreement. (£) | |

MOTOR VEHICLES, TRACTORS, ETC.

| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|------------------|----|----|-----|--------|-----|--------|-----|-----|-----|--------|-----|-----|-----|----|
| Monthly Average— | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1953-54 | .. | .. | (c) | 19,661 | (c) | 13,189 | (c) | 671 | (c) | 7,365 | (c) | 375 | (c) | 56 |
| 1954-55 | .. | .. | .. | 23,068 | .. | 15,884 | .. | 687 | .. | 9,182 | .. | 398 | .. | 58 |
| 1955-56 | .. | .. | .. | 25,291 | .. | 17,622 | .. | 697 | .. | 10,410 | .. | 412 | .. | 59 |
| Monthly Total— | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1956—March | .. | .. | .. | 25,107 | .. | 17,772 | .. | 708 | .. | 10,404 | .. | 414 | .. | 59 |
| April | .. | .. | .. | 22,969 | .. | 15,832 | .. | 689 | .. | 9,270 | .. | 404 | .. | 59 |
| May | .. | .. | .. | 25,922 | .. | 18,516 | .. | 714 | .. | 10,787 | .. | 416 | .. | 58 |
| June | .. | .. | .. | 23,883 | .. | 17,455 | .. | 731 | .. | 10,464 | .. | 438 | .. | 60 |
| July | .. | .. | .. | 26,491 | .. | 19,059 | .. | 719 | .. | 11,467 | .. | 433 | .. | 60 |
| August | .. | .. | .. | 28,716 | .. | 20,320 | .. | 708 | .. | 12,443 | .. | 433 | .. | 61 |
| September | .. | .. | .. | 25,914 | .. | 18,734 | .. | 723 | .. | 11,265 | .. | 435 | .. | 60 |
| October | .. | .. | .. | 29,880 | .. | 21,577 | .. | 722 | .. | 13,192 | .. | 441 | .. | 61 |
| November | .. | .. | .. | 28,235 | .. | 20,280 | .. | 718 | .. | 12,401 | .. | 439 | .. | 61 |
| December | .. | .. | .. | 24,594 | .. | 17,061 | .. | 694 | .. | 10,391 | .. | 423 | .. | 61 |
| 1957—January p | .. | .. | .. | 25,765 | .. | 17,584 | .. | 682 | .. | 10,702 | .. | 415 | .. | 61 |
| February p | .. | .. | .. | 23,529 | .. | 16,497 | .. | 701 | .. | 10,126 | .. | 430 | .. | 61 |
| March p | .. | .. | .. | 25,371 | .. | 18,042 | .. | 711 | .. | 10,977 | .. | 433 | .. | 61 |

PLANT AND MACHINERY.

| Monthly Average— | | | | | | | | | |
|------------------|----|----|----|-------|-------|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| 1953-54 | .. | .. | .. | (d) | (d) | (d) | (d) | (d) | (d) |
| 1954-55 | .. | .. | .. | 1,238 | 780 | 630 | 476 | 384 | 61 |
| 1955-56 | .. | .. | .. | 1,609 | 1,043 | 649 | 646 | 401 | 62 |
| Monthly Total— | | | | | | | | | |
| 1956—March | .. | .. | .. | 1,837 | 1,156 | 629 | 713 | 388 | 62 |
| April | .. | .. | .. | 1,698 | 993 | 584 | 614 | 362 | 62 |
| May | .. | .. | .. | 1,747 | 1,040 | 595 | 641 | 367 | 62 |
| June | .. | .. | .. | 1,383 | 991 | 717 | 631 | 456 | 64 |
| July | .. | .. | .. | 1,518 | 1,028 | 677 | 657 | 433 | 64 |
| August | .. | .. | .. | 1,800 | 1,072 | 596 | 677 | 376 | 63 |
| September | .. | .. | .. | 1,658 | 1,482 | 894 | 960 | 579 | 65 |
| October | .. | .. | .. | 2,186 | 1,340 | 613 | 813 | 372 | 61 |
| November | .. | .. | .. | 2,333 | 1,474 | 632 | 903 | 387 | 61 |
| December | .. | .. | .. | 2,071 | 1,352 | 653 | 831 | 401 | 61 |
| 1957—January p | .. | .. | .. | 2,287 | 1,285 | 562 | 799 | 349 | 62 |
| February p | .. | .. | .. | 2,188 | 1,246 | 569 | 771 | 352 | 62 |
| March p | .. | .. | .. | 2,315 | 1,390 | 600 | 818 | 353 | 59 |

(a) Value at net cash or list price (excluding hiring charges and insurance).
(c) Includes plant and machinery.

(d) Included with Motor Vehicles, Tractors, etc.

(b) Excludes hiring charges and insurance.

For meaning of symbol p, see page 1.

RETAIL SALES : HIRE PURCHASE AGREEMENTS ENTERED INTO BY FINANCE COMPANIES—continued.

NEW AGREEMENTS MADE, AUSTRALIA—continued.

| Period. | | Number of Agreements. | Value of Goods.(a) | | Amount Financed.(b) | | Average Proportion of Hire Purchase Sale Financed.(b) (Per cent.) | |
|-------------------------------|----|-----------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|--|----|
| | | | Total. | Average per Agreement. | Total. | Average per Agreement. | | |
| | | | (£'000.) | (£) | (£'000.) | (£) | | |
| HOUSEHOLD AND PERSONAL GOODS. | | | | | | | | |
| Monthly Average— | | | | | | | | |
| 1953-54 | .. | .. | 46,545 | 3,433 | 74 | 2,698 | 58 | 79 |
| 1954-55 | .. | .. | 53,745 | 4,086 | 76 | 3,309 | 62 | 81 |
| 1955-56 | .. | .. | 56,885 | 4,300 | 76 | 3,489 | 61 | 81 |
| Monthly Total— | | | | | | | | |
| 1956—March | .. | .. | 58,115 | 4,402 | 76 | 3,519 | 61 | 80 |
| April | .. | .. | 49,803 | 3,667 | 74 | 2,960 | 59 | 81 |
| May | .. | .. | 56,518 | 3,811 | 67 | 3,067 | 54 | 80 |
| June | .. | .. | 51,680 | 3,400 | 66 | 2,746 | 53 | 81 |
| July | .. | .. | 51,173 | 3,231 | 63 | 2,591 | 51 | 80 |
| August | .. | .. | 53,192 | 3,618 | 68 | 2,876 | 54 | 79 |
| September | .. | .. | 47,323 | 3,338 | 71 | 2,664 | 56 | 80 |
| October | .. | .. | 56,500 | 4,308 | 76 | 3,419 | 61 | 79 |
| November | .. | .. | 59,354 | 4,753 | 80 | 3,809 | 64 | 80 |
| December | .. | .. | 66,003 | 4,884 | 74 | 3,932 | 60 | 81 |
| 1957—January p | .. | .. | 60,730 | 4,937 | 81 | 3,914 | 64 | 79 |
| February p | .. | .. | 55,133 | 4,337 | 79 | 3,468 | 63 | 80 |
| March p | .. | .. | 59,474 | 4,614 | 78 | 3,677 | 62 | 80 |

TOTAL (ALL GOODS).

| | | | | | | |
|-------------------------|--------|--------|-----|--------|-----|----|
| Monthly Average— | | | | | | |
| 1953-54 | 66,206 | 16,622 | 251 | 10,063 | 152 | 61 |
| 1954-55 | 78,051 | 20,750 | 266 | 12,967 | 166 | 62 |
| 1955-56 | 83,785 | 22,965 | 274 | 14,545 | 174 | 63 |
| Monthly Total— | | | | | | |
| 1956—March | 85,059 | 23,330 | 274 | 14,636 | 172 | 63 |
| April | 74,470 | 20,492 | 275 | 12,844 | 172 | 63 |
| May | 84,187 | 23,367 | 278 | 14,495 | 172 | 62 |
| June | 76,946 | 21,846 | 284 | 13,841 | 180 | 63 |
| July | 79,182 | 23,318 | 294 | 14,715 | 186 | 63 |
| August | 83,708 | 25,010 | 299 | 15,996 | 191 | 64 |
| September | 74,895 | 23,554 | 314 | 14,889 | 199 | 63 |
| October | 88,566 | 27,225 | 307 | 17,424 | 197 | 64 |
| November | 89,922 | 26,507 | 295 | 17,113 | 190 | 65 |
| December | 92,668 | 23,297 | 252 | 15,154 | 164 | 65 |
| 1957—January p | 88,782 | 23,806 | 268 | 15,415 | 174 | 65 |
| February p | 80,850 | 22,080 | 273 | 14,365 | 178 | 65 |
| March p | 87,160 | 24,046 | 276 | 15,472 | 178 | 64 |

(a) Value at net cash or list price (excluding hiring charges and insurance).

(b) Excludes hiring charges and insurance.

For meaning of symbol p, see page 1.

RETAIL SALES: HIRE PURCHASE AGREEMENTS ENTERED INTO BY FINANCE COMPANIES—continued.

BALANCES OUTSTANDING (INCLUDING HIRING CHARGES AND INSURANCE), STATES.(a)
(£'000.)

| As at— | New South Wales.(b) | Victoria. | Queensland. | South Australia.(c) | Western Australia. | Tasmania. | Australia. |
|----------------------|------------------------|-----------|-------------|------------------------|-----------------------|-----------|------------|
| 1953— | | | | | | | |
| 30th September(d) .. | 37,654 | 21,757 | 16,125 | 9,397 | 7,372 | 3,426 | 95,731 |
| 31st December(d) .. | 43,160 | 25,157 | 18,404 | 10,940 | 8,415 | 3,865 | 109,941 |
| 1954— | | | | | | | |
| 31st March .. | 46,925 | 27,615 | 19,710 | 11,824 | 8,957 | 4,232 | 119,263 |
| 30th June .. | 50,747 | 30,806 | 22,385 | 13,218 | 10,154 | 4,772 | 132,082 |
| 30th September .. | 54,317 | 34,240 | 24,076 | 14,879 | 11,382 | 5,274 | 144,168 |
| 31st December .. | 61,248 | 38,877 | 26,537 | 16,668 | 12,525 | 5,918 | 161,773 |
| 1955— | | | | | | | |
| 31st March .. | 65,272 | 41,843 | 27,472 | 17,353 | 13,197 | 6,434 | 171,571 |
| 30th June .. | 69,234 | 44,590 | 29,067 | 18,277 | 14,151 | 7,012 | 182,331 |
| 30th September .. | 75,415 | 48,283 | 31,029 | 19,662 | 15,078 | 7,460 | 196,927 |
| 31st December .. | 79,845 | 53,180 | 32,477 | 21,239 | 16,080 | 7,951 | 210,772 |
| 1956— | | | | | | | |
| 31st January .. | 79,211 | 53,525 | 32,393 | 21,042 | 16,192 | 8,048 | 210,411 |
| 29th February .. | 78,759 | 54,438 | 32,089 | 21,063 | 15,844 | 8,060 | 210,253 |
| 31st March .. | 78,851 | 55,030 | 32,060 | 21,089 | 15,844 | 8,033 | 210,907 |
| 30th April .. | 78,562 | 55,304 | 31,952 | 20,933 | 15,703 | 8,067 | 210,521 |
| 31st May .. | 78,845 | 55,732 | 31,907 | 20,976 | 15,535 | 8,157 | 211,152 |
| 30th June .. | 78,885 | 55,941 | 31,941 | 21,022 | 15,408 | 8,163 | 211,360 |
| 31st July .. | 79,152 | 56,348 | 32,405 | 21,210 | 15,292 | 8,249 | 212,656 |
| 31st August .. | 79,800 | 57,031 | 32,975 | 21,665 | 15,280 | 8,362 | 215,113 |
| 30th September .. | 80,797 | 57,656 | 33,521 | 22,108 | 15,289 | 8,477 | 217,848 |
| 31st October .. | 81,752 | 58,481 | 34,331 | 22,657 | 15,441 | 8,632 | 221,294 |
| 30th November .. | 82,438 | 59,852 | 35,013 | 23,431 | 15,637 | 8,804 | 225,175 |
| 31st December .. | 83,655 | 60,901 | 35,610 | 23,998 | 15,899 | 9,004 | 229,067 |
| 1957— | | | | | | | |
| 31st January p .. | 83,797 | 61,179 | 35,903 | 24,359 | 15,758 | 8,860 | 229,856 |
| 28th February p .. | 83,561 | 61,353 | 36,003 | 24,445 | 15,333 | 8,840 | 229,535 |
| 31st March p .. | 83,326 | 61,455 | 36,068 | 24,421 | 15,201 | 8,879 | 229,350 |

(a) Balances outstanding on existing agreements entered into at any time. (b) Includes Australian Capital Territory.
(c) Includes Northern Territory. (d) Excludes balances outstanding on agreements originally financed by retailers but subsequently assigned to finance companies. At 31st March, 1954, these balances amounted to less than £1 million in Australia.

For meaning of symbol p, see page 1.

WHOLESALE TRADE.

An indication of fluctuations in the value of wholesale trade is given by the returns made under the Sales Tax Acts. With certain specified exemptions, all goods sold by wholesale in Australia, including imports, are taxable. The returns do not relate to all wholesale trade, as vendors trading only in exempt goods are not required to furnish returns. They do not necessarily cover a constant proportion of all trade. The effects of legislation and administrative changes on the recorded values of taxable and exempt goods respectively are somewhat uncertain, but total recorded sales are affected in smaller degrees. Insufficient information is available to enable adjustment to be made to the crude figures on this account.

(£ million.)

| Period. | | | | | | | | Average Monthly Net Sales Recorded. | | |
|---------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|-------------------------------------|---------------|--------|
| | | | | | | | | Taxable Goods. | Exempt Goods. | Total. |
| 1936-37 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 15.4 | 21.8 | 37.2 |
| 1937-38 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 16.9 | 23.6 | 40.5 |
| 1938-39 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 16.4 | 23.4 | 39.8 |
| 1945-46 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 22.3 | 33.4 | 55.7 |
| 1946-47 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 24.6 | 42.2 | 66.8 |
| 1947-48 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 26.2 | 53.3 | 79.5 |
| 1948-49 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 30.3 | 63.1 | 93.4 |
| 1949-50 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 38.0 | 72.2 | 110.2 |
| 1950-51 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 45.6 | 94.9 | 140.5 |
| 1951-52 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 52.0 | 110.1 | 162.1 |
| 1952-53 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 46.3 | 111.8 | 158.1 |
| 1953-54 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 57.3 | 122.2 | 179.5 |
| 1954-55 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 63.9 | 141.6 | 205.5 |
| 1955-56 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 66.5 | 154.8 | 221.3 |

| | | | | | | | | Monthly Taxable Net Sales at each Rate of Tax.(a) | | | Monthly Net Sales Recorded. | | | | |
|----------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|---|------|------|-----------------------------|------|------|-------|-------|
| | | | | | | | | 10% | 12½% | 16⅔% | 25% | 30% | | | |
| 1955-56— | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| January | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 9.9 | 30.2 | 11.3 | .. | .. | 51.4 | 127.4 | 178.8 |
| February | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 12.6 | 35.9 | 15.8 | .. | .. | 64.3 | 143.8 | 208.1 |
| March | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 13.4 | 33.4 | 17.0 | 1.9 | 5.5 | 71.2 | 162.9 | 234.1 |
| April | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 11.6 | 24.6 | 8.9 | 4.4 | 9.3 | 58.8 | 159.0 | 217.8 |
| May | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 13.0 | 27.3 | 10.4 | 5.0 | 10.3 | 66.0 | 169.4 | 235.4 |
| June | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 10.5 | 24.1 | 9.5 | 4.1 | 8.9 | 57.1 | 166.6 | 223.7 |
| 1956-57— | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| July | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 11.2 | 25.7 | 9.1 | 5.0 | 8.8 | 59.8 | 150.5 | 210.3 |
| August | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 12.8 | 29.5 | 9.3 | 6.0 | 9.3 | 66.9 | 170.7 | 237.6 |
| September | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 12.3 | 28.3 | 8.7 | 5.9 | 9.1 | 64.3 | 165.2 | 229.5 |
| October | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 14.3 | 31.9 | 10.3 | 7.1 | 10.7 | 74.3 | 180.4 | 254.7 |
| November r | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 15.0 | 32.7 | 9.9 | 7.7 | 10.6 | 75.9 | 184.0 | 259.9 |
| December (b) r | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 14.7 | 31.7 | 8.5 | 7.2 | 9.0 | 71.1 | 165.3 | 236.4 |
| January (b) .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 10.0 | 25.6 | 6.8 | 4.5 | 7.9 | 54.8 | 155.3 | 210.1 |

(a) On 15th March, 1956, the special rates of 25 per cent. and 30 per cent. were imposed.

For meaning of symbol r see page 1.

(b) Preliminary and partly estimated.

IMPORTS OF MERCHANDISE : ECONOMIC CLASSES.

(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

| Period. | Producers' Materials for use in— | | | | | | | | | | Fuels and Lubricants. (d) | | Auxiliary Aids to Production. (e) | | Munitions and War Stores. | |
|------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------|-----|-----------------------------------|------------|------------|--------|---------------|-----------------|----------|---------------------------|------------|-----------------------------------|-----|---------------------------|-----|
| | Building and Construction. | Rural Industries. | | Manufacturing. | | Total. (c) | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | Motor Vehicle Assembly. <i>ab</i> | Other. (c) | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | Class Ia. | Class Ib. | | | Class Ic (5). | Class Ic (1-4). | CLASS I. | Class II. | Class III. | Class VII. | | | |
| | | % | % | | % | | % | | % | | % | | % | | % | |
| Monthly Average— | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1936-37 .. | 347 | 4.0 | 143 | 1.7 | (f) | (f) | 3,269 | 38.0 | 3,759 | 43.7 | 621 | 7.2 | 415 | 4.8 | 31 | 0.4 |
| 1937-38 .. | 472 | 4.4 | 155 | 1.5 | | | 4,094 | 38.6 | 4,721 | 44.5 | 784 | 7.4 | 480 | 4.5 | 36 | 0.3 |
| 1938-39 .. | 385 | 4.1 | 171 | 1.8 | | | 3,448 | 36.5 | 4,004 | 42.4 | 736 | 7.8 | 476 | 5.1 | 88 | 0.9 |
| 1949-50 .. | 2,026 | 4.5 | 431 | 1.0 | (f) | (f) | 13,572 | 30.4 | 16,029 | 35.9 | 3,852 | 8.6 | 2,423 | 5.4 | 129 | 0.3 |
| 1950-51 .. | 3,408 | 5.5 | 415 | 0.7 | | | 22,231 | 36.0 | 26,054 | 42.2 | 5,032 | 8.1 | 2,929 | 4.7 | 94 | 0.2 |
| 1951-52 .. | 4,898 | 5.6 | 518 | 0.6 | | | 32,889 | 37.6 | 38,305 | 43.8 | 5,902 | 6.8 | 5,458 | 6.2 | 1,132 | 1.3 |
| 1952-53 .. | 1,482 | 3.5 | 368 | 0.9 | (f) | (f) | 14,228 | 33.4 | 16,078 | 37.8 | 5,313 | 12.5 | 1,951 | 4.6 | 755 | 1.8 |
| 1953-54 .. | 1,946 | 3.4 | 441 | 0.8 | | | 19,548 | 34.6 | 21,935 | 38.8 | 5,633 | 10.0 | 1,995 | 3.5 | 351 | 0.6 |
| 1954-55 .. | 3,044 | 4.3 | 517 | 0.7 | | | 25,691 | 36.7 | 29,252 | 41.7 | 4,790 | 6.9 | 2,503 | 3.6 | 728 | 0.9 |
| 1955-56 .. | 2,567 | 3.8 | 550 | 0.8 | 5,672 | 8.3 | 25,665 | 37.7 | g34,454 | 59.6 | 3,889 | 5.7 | 2,357 | 3.4 | 1,071 | 1.6 |
| Monthly Total— | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1954-55— | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| March .. | 3,336 | 4.3 | 706 | 0.9 | (f) | (f) | 30,908 | 39.8 | 34,950 | 45.0 | 4,632 | 6.0 | 2,969 | 3.8 | 620 | 0.8 |
| April .. | 2,914 | 4.0 | 470 | 0.6 | | | 27,403 | 37.4 | 30,787 | 42.0 | 4,970 | 6.8 | 2,055 | 2.8 | 1,483 | 2.1 |
| May .. | 3,216 | 4.1 | 421 | 0.5 | | | 29,662 | 37.6 | 33,299 | 42.2 | 4,820 | 6.1 | 3,187 | 4.1 | 1,817 | 2.3 |
| June .. | 3,282 | 4.4 | 459 | 0.6 | | | 27,816 | 37.2 | 31,557 | 42.2 | 3,738 | 5.0 | 2,646 | 3.6 | 2,310 | 3.0 |
| 1955-56— | | | | | | | (g) | | | | | | | | | |
| July .. | 2,819 | 4.6 | 650 | 1.0 | 4,421 | 7.2 | 23,176 | 37.7 | 31,066 | 50.5 | 5,110 | 8.3 | 3,218 | 5.2 | 819 | 1.3 |
| August .. | 3,035 | 4.3 | 695 | 1.0 | 5,524 | 7.7 | 26,569 | 37.3 | 35,823 | 50.3 | 5,792 | 8.1 | 2,098 | 3.0 | 1,418 | 2.0 |
| September | 2,786 | 3.7 | 564 | 0.8 | 6,566 | 8.7 | 26,122 | 34.9 | 36,038 | 48.1 | 3,752 | 5.0 | 3,551 | 4.7 | 860 | 1.2 |
| October .. | 2,749 | 4.0 | 470 | 0.7 | 4,587 | 6.7 | 26,365 | 38.7 | 34,171 | 50.1 | 4,816 | 7.1 | 2,232 | 3.3 | 733 | 1.1 |
| November | 3,084 | 4.2 | 326 | 0.4 | 5,933 | 8.1 | 27,732 | 37.8 | 37,075 | 50.5 | 2,863 | 3.9 | 2,371 | 3.2 | 815 | 1.1 |
| December | 2,603 | 4.1 | 679 | 1.1 | 4,954 | 7.8 | 24,205 | 38.4 | 32,441 | 51.4 | 3,571 | 5.6 | 1,944 | 3.1 | 960 | 1.5 |
| January(h) | 2,446 | 3.8 | 483 | 0.8 | 5,241 | 8.3 | 23,944 | 37.7 | 32,114 | 50.6 | 3,811 | 6.0 | 1,661 | 2.6 | 876 | 1.4 |
| February(h) | 1,905 | 3.2 | 412 | 0.7 | 5,076 | 8.6 | 23,858 | 40.4 | 31,251 | 52.9 | 2,971 | 5.0 | 2,028 | 3.4 | 839 | 1.4 |
| March(h) .. | 2,597 | 3.2 | 520 | 0.6 | 8,028 | 10.0 | 29,917 | 37.2 | 41,062 | 51.0 | 3,364 | 4.2 | 2,553 | 3.1 | 1,515 | 1.9 |
| April .. | 2,452 | 3.6 | 424 | 0.6 | 5,838 | 8.6 | 25,566 | 37.6 | 34,280 | 50.4 | 3,255 | 4.8 | 2,395 | 3.5 | 822 | 1.2 |
| May .. | 2,456 | 3.4 | 934 | 1.3 | 6,085 | 8.5 | 26,112 | 36.5 | 35,587 | 49.7 | 4,258 | 6.0 | 2,731 | 3.8 | 2,356 | 3.3 |
| June .. | 1,866 | 2.9 | 441 | 0.7 | 5,817 | 9.2 | 24,407 | 38.5 | 32,531 | 51.3 | 3,104 | 4.9 | 1,507 | 2.4 | 840 | 1.3 |
| 1956-57 p— | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| July .. | 1,997 | 3.5 | 521 | 0.9 | 4,799 | 8.4 | 22,717 | 39.6 | 30,034 | 52.4 | 1,955 | 3.4 | 2,443 | 4.3 | 243 | 0.4 |
| August .. | 2,683 | 3.4 | 631 | 0.8 | 7,486 | 9.5 | 29,679 | 37.7 | 40,479 | 51.4 | 2,826 | 3.6 | 3,116 | 4.0 | 1,581 | 2.0 |
| September | 2,298 | 4.3 | 652 | 1.2 | 3,915 | 7.3 | 20,316 | 37.9 | 27,181 | 50.7 | 2,602 | 4.8 | 1,948 | 3.6 | 698 | 1.3 |
| October .. | 2,166 | 3.8 | 648 | 1.1 | 4,443 | 7.8 | 22,202 | 38.9 | 29,459 | 51.6 | 2,704 | 4.7 | 2,293 | 4.0 | 1,108 | 1.9 |
| November | 2,352 | 4.0 | 591 | 1.0 | 4,827 | 8.1 | 23,840 | 39.9 | 31,610 | 53.0 | 3,208 | 5.4 | 1,819 | 3.0 | 727 | 1.2 |
| December | 2,021 | 3.9 | 490 | 1.0 | 2,970 | 5.7 | 22,046 | 42.4 | 27,527 | 53.0 | 1,789 | 3.4 | 2,203 | 4.2 | 523 | 1.0 |
| January .. | 2,440 | 3.9 | 432 | 0.7 | 3,022 | 4.8 | 27,719 | 44.2 | 33,613 | 53.6 | 2,274 | 3.6 | 1,935 | 3.1 | 918 | 1.5 |
| February .. | 1,407 | 2.7 | 406 | 0.8 | 3,067 | 6.0 | 22,742 | 44.5 | 27,622 | 54.0 | 2,017 | 3.9 | 1,996 | 3.8 | 739 | 1.5 |
| March .. | 1,818 | 3.1 | 611 | 1.0 | 3,853 | 6.6 | 23,920 | 40.9 | 30,202 | 51.6 | 1,970 | 3.4 | 2,019 | 3.4 | 682 | 1.2 |

(a) Owing to insufficient information it is not possible to treat unassembled tractors and other machinery in a similar manner to motor vehicles and all such machinery is treated as capital equipment whether imported in an assembled or unassembled condition. (b) Includes replacement parts. (c) Excludes a percentage for piece goods to be sold at retail and paper to be used solely for wrapping which are now recorded in classes VI E-J and III, respectively. Prior to issue No. 227 these goods were recorded in classes VI E-J and III, only for those periods subsequent to June, 1956. (d) Excludes crude petroleum which is included in class Ic (1-4). (e) Includes a percentage for paper used solely for wrapping see note (c). (f) Included in class VB. (g) Prior to July, 1955 excludes completely knocked down vehicles, components for the assembly of motor vehicles and replacement parts which since July, 1955 have been recorded in class IC (5). (h) Affected by industrial dispute.

For meaning of symbols p, — see page 1.

IMPORTS OF MERCHANDISE : ECONOMIC CLASSES—continued.

(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

| Period. | Capital Equipment. | | | | | | Finished Consumer Goods. | | | | | | | |
|------------------|-----------------------|-------------|---|-------------------|---|--------------------|------------------------------|--------------|---------------------------|----------------|------------|-----------|--------|------|
| | Producers' Equipment. | | Transport Equipment. | | | | Food, Beverages and Tobacco. | | Clothing and Accessories. | | All Other. | | Total. | |
| | | | Complete Road Vehicles and Assembled Chassis. | | Railway Equipment Vessels and Civil Aircraft. | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Class IV. | | Class V. B. | | Class V. A, C, D. | | Class VI. A, B, C. | | Class VI. D. | | Class VI. E-J. | | Class VI. | | |
| | | % | | | % | | | % | | | % | | | % |
| Monthly Average— | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1936-37 .. | 884 | 10.3 | 872 | 10.1 | 146 | 1.7 | 516 | 6.0 | 46 | 0.5 | 1,316 | 15.3 | 1,878 | 21.8 |
| 1937-38 .. | 1,149 | 10.8 | 1,161 | 11.0 | 205 | 1.9 | 531 | 5.0 | 68 | 0.6 | 1,480 | 14.0 | 2,079 | 19.6 |
| 1938-39 .. | 1,104 | 11.7 | 899 | 9.5 | 119 | 1.3 | 564 | 6.0 | 84 | 0.9 | 1,361 | 14.4 | 2,009 | 21.3 |
| 1949-50 .. | 5,297 | 11.9 | 8,643 | 19.3 | 497 | 1.1 | 2,163 | 4.9 | 578 | 1.3 | 5,066 | 11.3 | 7,807 | 17.5 |
| 1950-51 .. | 6,679 | 10.8 | 9,245 | 15.0 | 1,137 | 1.8 | 2,873 | 4.7 | 745 | 1.2 | 6,993 | 11.3 | 10,611 | 17.2 |
| 1951-52 .. | 9,960 | 11.4 | 10,942 | 12.5 | 1,661 | 1.9 | 3,074 | 3.5 | 1,149 | 1.3 | 9,896 | 11.3 | 14,119 | 16.1 |
| 1952-53 .. | 8,409 | 19.8 | 3,569 | 8.3 | 1,703 | 4.0 | 1,917 | 4.5 | 130 | 0.3 | 2,704 | 6.4 | 4,751 | 11.2 |
| 1953-54 .. | 9,474 | 16.8 | 5,769 | 10.2 | 1,552 | 2.7 | 2,658 | 4.7 | 446 | 0.8 | 6,736 | 11.9 | 9,840 | 17.4 |
| 1954-55 .. | 10,289 | 14.8 | 7,377 | 10.5 | 1,824 | 2.6 | 3,236 | 4.6 | 614 | 0.9 | 9,468 | 13.5 | 13,318 | 19.0 |
| 1955-56 .. | 11,174 | 16.4 | (b)1,784 | 2.6 | 1,841 | 2.7 | 2,276 | 3.3 | 491 | 0.7 | 8,854 | 13.0 | 11,621 | 17.0 |
| Monthly Total— | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1954-55— | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| March .. | 10,429 | 13.4 | 7,258 | 9.3 | 2,314 | 3.0 | 4,333 | 5.6 | 886 | 1.1 | 9,281 | 12.0 | 14,500 | 18.7 |
| April .. | 10,564 | 14.4 | 8,437 | 11.5 | 1,558 | 2.1 | 3,591 | 4.9 | 612 | 0.9 | 9,178 | 12.5 | 13,381 | 18.3 |
| May .. | 11,363 | 14.4 | 9,185 | 11.7 | 1,681 | 2.1 | 2,675 | 3.4 | 412 | 0.5 | 10,419 | 13.2 | 13,506 | 17.1 |
| June .. | 11,623 | 15.6 | 8,931 | 12.0 | 1,157 | 1.5 | 2,548 | 3.4 | 408 | 0.6 | 9,792 | 13.1 | 12,748 | 17.1 |
| 1955-56— | | | (b) | | | | | | | | | | | |
| July .. | 8,657 | 14.1 | 1,586 | 2.6 | 1,897 | 3.1 | 1,219 | 2.0 | 403 | 0.6 | 7,555 | 12.3 | 9,177 | 14.9 |
| August .. | 9,779 | 13.7 | 1,750 | 2.5 | 2,209 | 3.1 | 1,776 | 2.5 | 521 | 0.7 | 10,002 | 14.1 | 12,299 | 17.3 |
| September | 12,573 | 16.8 | 2,042 | 2.7 | 1,546 | 2.1 | 2,822 | 3.8 | 572 | 0.7 | 11,138 | 14.9 | 14,532 | 19.4 |
| October .. | 10,298 | 15.1 | 1,623 | 2.4 | 1,388 | 2.0 | 2,713 | 4.0 | 596 | 0.9 | 9,569 | 14.0 | 12,878 | 18.9 |
| November | 12,913 | 17.6 | 2,230 | 3.1 | 1,459 | 2.0 | 2,885 | 3.9 | 474 | 0.7 | 10,286 | 14.0 | 13,645 | 18.6 |
| December | 10,932 | 17.3 | 1,695 | 2.7 | 1,151 | 1.8 | 2,418 | 3.8 | 386 | 0.6 | 7,697 | 12.2 | 10,501 | 16.6 |
| January(c) | 10,566 | 16.7 | 2,126 | 3.4 | 1,337 | 2.1 | 2,116 | 3.3 | 522 | 0.8 | 8,304 | 13.1 | 10,942 | 17.2 |
| February(c) | 10,076 | 17.1 | 1,581 | 2.7 | 1,479 | 2.5 | 1,575 | 2.7 | 535 | 0.9 | 6,795 | 11.4 | 8,905 | 15.0 |
| March(c) | 13,354 | 16.6 | 2,064 | 2.6 | 3,096 | 3.8 | 3,126 | 3.9 | 766 | 1.0 | 9,631 | 11.9 | 13,523 | 16.8 |
| April .. | 11,971 | 17.6 | 1,449 | 2.2 | 2,268 | 3.3 | 2,846 | 4.2 | 475 | 0.7 | 8,204 | 12.1 | 11,525 | 17.0 |
| May .. | 12,253 | 17.1 | 1,515 | 2.1 | 1,625 | 2.3 | 1,849 | 2.6 | 357 | 0.5 | 9,037 | 12.6 | 11,243 | 15.7 |
| June .. | 10,711 | 16.9 | 1,750 | 2.8 | 2,641 | 4.2 | 1,961 | 3.1 | 285 | 0.4 | 8,040 | 12.7 | 10,286 | 16.2 |
| 1956-57 p— | | | | | | | | | | | r | | r | |
| July .. | 9,735 | 17.0 | 1,119 | 1.9 | 2,282 | 4.0 | 2,233 | 3.9 | 212 | 0.4 | 7,040 | 12.3 | 9,485 | 16.6 |
| August .. | 13,676 | 17.3 | 1,578 | 2.0 | 1,547 | 2.0 | 2,807 | 3.6 | 502 | 0.6 | 10,664 | 13.5 | 13,973 | 17.7 |
| September | 8,542 | 15.9 | 1,121 | 2.1 | 2,473 | 4.6 | 2,139 | 4.0 | 264 | 0.5 | 6,720 | 12.5 | 9,123 | 17.0 |
| October .. | 8,822 | 15.5 | 845 | 1.5 | 1,841 | 3.2 | 2,054 | 3.6 | 370 | 0.7 | 7,594 | 13.3 | 10,018 | 17.6 |
| November | 9,975 | 16.7 | 970 | 1.7 | 1,270 | 2.1 | 2,102 | 3.5 | 267 | 0.4 | 7,741 | 13.0 | 10,110 | 16.9 |
| December | 8,220 | 15.8 | 771 | 1.5 | 1,783 | 3.4 | 2,039 | 3.9 | 192 | 0.4 | 7,032 | 13.4 | 9,263 | 17.7 |
| January .. | 10,290 | 16.4 | 823 | 1.3 | 1,297 | 2.1 | 3,468 | 5.5 | 302 | 0.5 | 7,747 | 12.4 | 11,517 | 18.4 |
| February | 8,762 | 17.1 | 862 | 1.7 | 982 | 1.9 | 2,313 | 4.5 | 241 | 0.5 | 5,730 | 11.1 | 8,284 | 16.1 |
| March .. | 10,952 | 18.7 | 793 | 1.3 | 1,793 | 3.1 | 2,876 | 4.9 | 306 | 0.5 | 6,968 | 11.9 | 10,150 | 17.3 |

(a) Includes a percentage for piece goods to be sold at retail, see note (c), page 18. (b) Prior to July, 1955 includes completely knocked down vehicles, components for the assembly of motor vehicles and replacement parts which since July, 1955 have been recorded in Class 1c. (c) Affected by industrial dispute.

For meaning of symbols p, r, —, see page 1.

IMPORTS OF MERCHANDISE : DEGREE OF MANUFACTURE.

(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

| Period. | Producers' Materials. (Class I.) (a) | | | Finished Consumer Goods. (Class VI.) (b) | | | Total Imports of Merchandise. (All Classes.) | | | |
|-------------------------|---|---------------------|--------------------------|---|---------------------|--------------------------|---|---------------------|--------------------------|--------|
| | Crude. | Simply transformed. | Elaborately transformed. | Crude. | Simply transformed. | Elaborately transformed. | Crude. | Simply transformed. | Elaborately transformed. | Total. |
| Monthly Average— | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1936-37 .. | 1,024 | 373 | 2,362 | 45 | 303 | 1,530 | 1,069 | 1,505 | 6,032 | 8,606 |
| 1937-38 .. | 1,241 | 449 | 3,031 | 48 | 300 | 1,731 | 1,289 | 1,796 | 7,530 | 10,615 |
| 1938-39 .. | 1,100 | 351 | 2,553 | 55 | 309 | 1,645 | 1,155 | 1,627 | 6,653 | 9,435 |
| 1949-50 .. | 3,916 | 1,777 | 10,336 | 180 | 1,277 | 6,350 | 4,096 | 7,851 | 32,730 | 44,677 |
| 1950-51 .. | 7,007 | 3,178 | 15,869 | 273 | 1,600 | 8,738 | 7,280 | 10,954 | 43,547 | 61,781 |
| 1951-52 .. | 7,788 | 4,788 | 25,729 | 359 | 1,446 | 12,314 | 8,147 | 13,933 | 65,399 | 87,479 |
| 1952-53 .. | 4,712 | 2,195 | 9,171 | 251 | 1,182 | 3,318 | 4,963 | 9,443 | 28,123 | 42,529 |
| 1953-54 .. | 6,260 | 3,189 | 12,486 | 385 | 1,471 | 7,984 | 6,645 | 11,384 | 38,520 | 56,549 |
| 1954-55 .. | 8,818 | 4,986 | 15,448 | 428 | 2,082 | 10,808 | 9,246 | 13,167 | 47,668 | 70,081 |
| 1955-56 .. | 10,095 | 4,557 | 19,802 | 423 | 1,191 | 10,003 | 10,518 | 10,913 | 46,760 | 68,191 |
| Monthly Total— | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1954-55— | | | | | | | | | | |
| March .. | 11,587 | 5,737 | 17,626 | 424 | 3,260 | 10,816 | 12,011 | 15,025 | 50,636 | 77,672 |
| April .. | 9,740 | 5,321 | 15,726 | 484 | 2,370 | 10,527 | 10,224 | 13,960 | 49,051 | 73,235 |
| May .. | 10,206 | 6,243 | 16,850 | 383 | 1,719 | 11,404 | 10,589 | 14,196 | 54,073 | 78,858 |
| June .. | 9,789 | 5,091 | 16,677 | 605 | 1,108 | 11,035 | 10,394 | 11,333 | 52,983 | 74,710 |
| 1955-56— | | | (c) | | | | | | | |
| July .. | 9,709 | 3,716 | 17,641 | 238 | 361 | 8,575 | 9,947 | 10,226 | 41,357 | 61,530 |
| August .. | 10,834 | 4,287 | 20,702 | 515 | 450 | 11,361 | 11,349 | 11,750 | 48,069 | 71,168 |
| September .. | 8,169 | 4,650 | 23,219 | 348 | 1,646 | 12,555 | 8,517 | 11,503 | 54,874 | 74,894 |
| October .. | 8,226 | 5,623 | 20,322 | 341 | 1,638 | 10,899 | 8,567 | 13,324 | 46,248 | 68,139 |
| November .. | 10,787 | 4,675 | 21,613 | 571 | 1,473 | 11,605 | 11,358 | 10,384 | 51,629 | 73,371 |
| December .. | 10,549 | 4,241 | 17,651 | 233 | 1,450 | 8,884 | 10,782 | 10,481 | 41,932 | 63,195 |
| January(d) .. | 9,441 | 4,241 | 18,432 | 615 | 759 | 9,559 | 10,056 | 9,975 | 43,402 | 63,433 |
| February(d) .. | 10,492 | 4,259 | 16,500 | 221 | 930 | 7,734 | 10,713 | 9,268 | 39,149 | 59,130 |
| March(d) .. | 13,331 | 4,719 | 23,012 | 676 | 1,744 | 11,075 | 14,007 | 11,392 | 55,132 | 80,531 |
| April .. | 10,066 | 5,007 | 19,207 | 547 | 1,705 | 9,216 | 10,613 | 11,279 | 46,073 | 67,965 |
| May .. | 10,215 | 4,671 | 20,701 | 382 | 1,048 | 9,765 | 10,597 | 11,383 | 49,588 | 71,568 |
| June .. | 9,322 | 4,594 | 18,623 | 384 | 1,083 | 8,814 | 9,706 | 9,993 | 43,671 | 63,370 |
| 1956-57 p— | | | | | | r | | | r | r |
| July .. | 9,236 | 4,385 | 16,413 | 385 | 1,459 | 7,641 | 9,621 | 8,847 | 38,828 | 57,296 |
| August .. | 10,031 | 6,516 | 23,932 | 404 | 1,905 | 11,664 | 10,435 | 12,791 | 55,550 | 78,776 |
| September .. | 8,996 | 4,177 | 14,008 | 548 | 1,250 | 7,325 | 9,544 | 9,052 | 35,092 | 53,688 |
| October .. | 10,095 | 4,279 | 15,085 | 426 | 1,038 | 8,554 | 10,521 | 9,046 | 37,523 | 57,090 |
| November .. | 11,398 | 3,832 | 16,380 | 354 | 1,240 | 8,516 | 11,752 | 9,401 | 38,536 | 59,689 |
| December .. | 10,858 | 3,657 | 13,012 | 613 | 1,071 | 7,579 | 11,471 | 7,409 | 33,199 | 52,079 |
| January .. | 12,274 | 5,120 | 16,219 | 572 | 2,314 | 8,631 | 12,846 | 10,798 | 39,023 | 62,667 |
| February .. | 10,511 | 4,162 | 12,949 | 405 | 1,544 | 6,335 | 10,916 | 8,599 | 31,749 | 51,264 |
| March .. | 10,671 | 4,467 | 15,064 | 687 | 1,755 | 7,708 | 11,358 | 9,233 | 37,970 | 58,561 |

Note.—Class II. consists entirely of goods "simply transformed", and Classes IV., V. and VII. entirely of goods "more elaborately transformed". Class III. is about equally divided between goods "simply" and "more elaborately" transformed.

(a) See note (c) page 18.

(b) See note (a) page 19.

(c) See note (g) page 18.

(d) Affected by industrial dispute.

For meaning of symbols p, r, —, see page 1.

EXPORTS OF MERCHANDISE : PRINCIPAL COMMODITIES.

(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

| Period. | Meats. | Butter. | Wheat and Flour. | Fresh Fruits. | Dried Fruits. | Sugar and Sugar Syrups. | Hides and Skins. | Wool. | Lead. | Total Exports of Merchandise. |
|-------------------------|----------|---------|------------------|---------------|---------------|-------------------------|------------------|---------|--------|-------------------------------|
| Monthly Average— | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1936-37.. .. | 861 | 734 | 2,029 | 165 | 172 | 309 | 609 | 5,209 | 402 | 12,316 |
| 1937-38.. .. | 1,021 | 898 | 2,245 | 171 | 224 | 336 | 516 | 3,915 | 409 | 11,719 |
| 1938-39.. .. | 982 | 1,074 | 1,106 | 169 | 239 | 348 | 342 | 3,561 | 356 | 10,128 |
| 1949-50.. .. | (a)2,854 | 2,056 | 7,376 | 328 | 241 | 1,185 | 1,263 | 26,096 | 1,416 | 50,971 |
| 1950-51.. .. | 2,533 | 1,539 | 8,921 | 477 | 389 | 1,240 | 2,272 | 52,779 | 1,796 | 81,591 |
| 1951-52.. .. | 2,957 | 383 | 7,359 | 572 | 472 | 586 | 1,428 | 26,953 | 2,156 | 55,437 |
| 1952-53.. .. | 5,481 | 1,675 | 7,449 | 791 | 669 | 1,805 | 1,677 | 33,576 | 2,116 | 70,708 |
| 1953-54.. .. | 4,816 | 1,338 | 5,053 | 774 | 617 | 2,639 | 1,620 | 34,202 | 2,004 | 67,655 |
| 1954-55.. .. | 5,290 | 2,049 | 5,461 | 731 | 703 | 2,604 | 1,642 | 29,426 | 2,070 | 63,170 |
| 1955-56.. .. | 5,039 | 2,414 | 5,513 | 761 | 650 | 2,070 | 1,747 | 28,127 | 2,106 | 64,236 |
| Monthly Total— | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1954-55— | | | | | | | | | | |
| March | 3,845 | 1,722 | 6,250 | 1,008 | 283 | 1,364 | 1,902 | 40,104 | 3,122 | 77,007 |
| April | 3,388 | 1,128 | 5,220 | 2,468 | 510 | 2,247 | 1,139 | 28,609 | 1,152 | 56,904 |
| May | 4,568 | 2,658 | 5,701 | 2,448 | 944 | 1,619 | 1,936 | 29,030 | 1,494 | 66,840 |
| June | 3,868 | 2,994 | 5,806 | 1,617 | 1,334 | 919 | 1,396 | 32,743 | 2,496 | 68,984 |
| 1955-56— | | | | | | | | | | |
| July | 4,605 | 1,504 | 4,473 | 588 | 1,482 | 1,183 | 1,637 | 26,899 | 2,201 | 60,884 |
| August | 5,590 | 1,376 | 5,653 | 308 | 1,004 | 2,111 | 2,259 | 11,262 | 2,376 | 48,732 |
| September .. | 4,863 | 1,068 | 4,569 | 122 | 958 | 3,267 | 1,988 | 17,512 | 2,896 | 51,434 |
| October | 6,478 | 3,399 | 4,582 | 143 | 211 | 2,267 | 1,668 | 30,488 | 1,799 | 65,616 |
| November | 8,328 | 3,689 | 5,519 | 195 | 125 | 3,695 | 1,943 | 37,941 | 2,666 | 77,946 |
| December | 7,777 | 4,232 | 3,823 | 55 | 534 | 1,608 | 2,132 | 37,007 | 2,034 | 72,422 |
| January(b) .. | 5,085 | 3,224 | 4,906 | 19 | 131 | 1,471 | 1,556 | 23,395 | 1,379 | 55,449 |
| February(b) .. | 995 | 106 | 2,754 | 50 | 14 | 1,033 | 456 | 8,231 | 283 | 19,986 |
| March(b) | 3,601 | 3,203 | 8,387 | 713 | 79 | 1,955 | 2,211 | 40,136 | 2,147 | 77,537 |
| April | 4,594 | 2,416 | 5,848 | 1,987 | 972 | 2,886 | 1,713 | 34,622 | 2,651 | 678,031 |
| May | 4,501 | 2,345 | 7,041 | 3,510 | 1,258 | 2,510 | 2,008 | 40,134 | 2,858 | 689,937 |
| June | 4,045 | 2,406 | 8,596 | 1,450 | 1,036 | 856 | 1,375 | 29,902 | 1,659 | 672,861 |
| 1956-57 p— | | | | | | | | | | r |
| July | 3,612 | 1,623 | 7,333 | 316 | 553 | 715 | 1,399 | 27,688 | 1,809 | 60,920 |
| August | 4,174 | 2,196 | 7,608 | 241 | 533 | 2,875 | 1,946 | 16,192 | r3,333 | 57,788 |
| September .. | 4,618 | 1,821 | 8,139 | 106 | 588 | 3,779 | 1,829 | 21,379 | 2,078 | 60,740 |
| October | r4,448 | 3,708 | r8,758 | r334 | 444 | 4,505 | 2,220 | r45,472 | 4,201 | 96,034 |
| November | 4,343 | 2,967 | r8,527 | r156 | 114 | 5,813 | 2,130 | r48,199 | r2,899 | 94,738 |
| December | 3,823 | r2,691 | r6,161 | 42 | 102 | 2,832 | 1,893 | r41,771 | r2,316 | 76,298 |
| January | r4,231 | 4,979 | r8,579 | 35 | 8 | 2,822 | r1,801 | r42,816 | 2,320 | r88,330 |
| February | r4,255 | 2,195 | r5,597 | 138 | 43 | 4,513 | r2,083 | r48,212 | 3,474 | r90,108 |
| March | 3,569 | 1,177 | 7,876 | 727 | 17 | 2,162 | 1,824 | 58,560 | 2,041 | 98,444 |

(a) Figures for 1936-37 to 1938-39 include soups (1949-50 monthly average exports £59,500).
dispute.

(b) Affected by industrial

For meaning of symbols p, r, —, see page 1.

EXPORT PRICE INDEXES.

These index numbers are compiled from the prices of 20 commodities which normally constitute about 80 per cent. of all exports. The index numbers show price changes in the predominant market or markets for each commodity.

SIMPLE AGGREGATIVE INDEX : FIXED WEIGHTS.

In this index the weights are the average annual exports of each commodity (production in the case of gold) during the three years 1933-34 to 1935-36.

(Base of each Group : Average of 3 years ended June, 1939 = 100.)

| Period. | | Wool. | Wheat. | Butter. | Metals. (a) | Meats. (b) | Sugar. | Dried Fruits. (c) | Tallow. | Hides. (d) | Gold. (e) | All Groups. | |
|---|-----|---------|--------|---------|----------------|---------------|--------|-------------------------|---------|---------------|--------------|----------------|----------------|
| | | | | | | | | | | | | Excl. Gold. | Incl. Gold. |
| Percentage Distribution of Base Aggregate | (f) | 45.63 | 17.06 | 11.36 | 6.83 | 6.63 | 2.40 | 1.81 | 0.64 | 0.66 | 6.98 | .. | 100.00 |
| | (g) | 49.05 | 18.34 | 12.21 | 7.34 | 7.13 | 2.58 | 1.94 | 0.69 | 0.72 | .. | 100.00 | .. |
| 1936-37 | .. | 122 | 123 | 92 | 120 | 98 | 104 | 103 | 122 | 113 | 99 | 116 | 115 |
| 1937-38 | .. | 99 | 111 | 107 | 96 | 106 | 92 | 103 | 100 | 100 | 98 | 102 | 102 |
| 1938-39 | .. | 79 | 66 | 101 | 84 | 96 | 104 | 94 | 78 | 87 | 103 | 82 | 83 |
| 1949-50 | .. | 473 | 400 | 250 | 421 | 196 | 369 | 176 | 400 | 479 | 164 | 399 | 383 |
| 1950-51 | .. | 999 | 432 | 271 | 689 | 209 | 410 | 226 | 356 | 752 | 176 | 690 | 654 |
| 1951-52 | .. | 564 | 436 | 291 | 811 | 263 | 464 | 302 | 451 | 486 | 184 | 495 | 473 |
| 1952-53 | .. | 616 | 445 | 313 | 504 | 314 | 501 | 297 | 358 | 369 | 186 | 505 | 483 |
| 1953-54 | .. | 615 | 411 | 325 | 450 | 338 | 479 | 287 | 321 | 336 | 179 | 496 | 474 |
| 1954-55 | .. | 538 | 357 | 313 | 511 | 344 | 445 | 267 | 349 | 218 | 178 | 450 | 431 |
| 1955-56 | .. | 464 | 324 | 320 | 562 | 355 | 451 | 286 | 353 | 238 | 178 | 414 | 397 |
| 1954-55— | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| March | .. | 528 | 356 | 313 | 523 | 329 | 430 | 270 | 350 | 212 | 178 | 446 | 426 |
| April | .. | 520 | 354 | 313 | 525 | 324 | 434 | 271 | 350 | 223 | 178 | 441 | 422 |
| May | .. | 520 | 354 | 313 | 520 | 332 | 434 | 268 | 345 | 216 | 178 | 441 | 422 |
| June | .. | 505 | 355 | 313 | 528 | 343 | 434 | 279 | 342 | 212 | 178 | 435 | 417 |
| 1955-56— | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| July | .. | (h) 505 | 352 | 313 | 538 | 359 | 468 | 266 | 342 | 225 | 178 | 437 | 419 |
| August | .. | 453 | 351 | 313 | 538 | 365 | 468 | 266 | 341 | 234 | 178 | 411 | 395 |
| September | .. | 437 | 334 | 313 | 545 | 398 | 468 | 278 | 344 | 235 | 178 | 404 | 388 |
| October | .. | 437 | 329 | 337 | 543 | 408 | 454 | 282 | 351 | 238 | 178 | 406 | 390 |
| November | .. | 437 | 323 | 364 | 549 | 383 | 454 | 284 | 366 | 227 | 178 | 407 | 391 |
| December | .. | 453 | 315 | 368 | 575 | 364 | 454 | 283 | 365 | 232 | 178 | 414 | 398 |
| January | .. | 460 | 313 | 361 | 590 | 348 | 441 | 285 | 356 | 239 | 178 | 416 | 400 |
| February | .. | 460 | 311 | 328 | 592 | 331 | 441 | 288 | 364 | 240 | 178 | 411 | 395 |
| March | .. | 453 | 312 | 304 | 592 | 322 | 441 | 292 | 364 | 247 | 178 | 404 | 388 |
| April | .. | 468 | 310 | 273 | 579 | 317 | 441 | 293 | 354 | 248 | 178 | 406 | 390 |
| May | .. | 498 | 316 | 265 | 556 | 324 | 441 | 302 | 344 | 241 | 178 | 420 | 403 |
| June | .. | (h) 505 | 317 | 299 | 548 | 335 | 441 | 317 | 347 | 252 | 178 | 428 | 411 |
| 1956-57— | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| July | .. | 490 | 323 | 272 | 549 | 343 | 438 | 320 | 355 | 250 | 178 | 419 | 403 |
| August | .. | 520 | 326 | 261 | 558 | 347 | 438 | 319 | 352 | 244 | 178 | 434 | 416 |
| September | .. | 566 | 326 | 284 | 562 | r353 | 438 | 319 | 360 | 243 | 178 | 460 | 440 |
| October | .. | p551 | 330 | 260 | 559 | r361 | 444 | 319 | 354 | 245 | 178 | pr451 | pr432 |
| November | .. | p581 | 328 | 252 | 569 | r357 | 444 | 312 | 352 | 247 | 178 | pr465 | pr445 |
| December | .. | p588 | 329 | 242 | 566 | p360 | 444 | 311 | 361 | 237 | 178 | p467 | p447 |
| January | .. | p596 | p332 | 227 | 570 | p385 | p468 | p307 | p359 | 226 | 178 | p472 | p452 |
| February | .. | p611 | p335 | 222 | 557 | p388 | p468 | ph305 | p360 | 234 | 178 | p479 | p458 |
| March | .. | p596 | p327 | 218 | 555 | r372 | r468 | r305 | p359 | 248 | 178 | p468 | p448 |

(a) Silver, copper, tin, zinc, lead. (b) Beef, lamb, mutton, pork. Guaranteed minimum prices are used when operative.
(c) Sultanas, lexias, currants. (d) Cattle hides, calf skins. (e) Where Australian gold has been sold on the overseas premium
markets such price has been used in the index. (f) For all Groups (including Gold)—applicable from 1936-37. (g) For
all Groups (excluding Gold)—applicable from 1936-37. (h) Nominal.

For meaning of symbols p, r, see page 1.

EXPORT PRICE INDEXES—continued.

RECENT TRENDS—EXPORT PRICE INDEX—WOOL AND "OTHER GROUPS".

Reference to the group indexes in the table on page 22 hereof shows the great fluctuations and the wide dispersion of prices of export commodities in recent years. In particular, very great movements upwards and downwards have occurred in the price of wool. Since wool is a predominant export (and comprises 46 per cent. of the Base Aggregate of the index) fluctuations in wool prices obscure the effects which movements in prices of the other components have on the All Groups index. For purposes of comparison they are shown separately below.

(Base of each Group : Average of 3 years ended June, 1939 = 100.)

| Period. | 1949-50. | | | 1950-51. | | | 1951-52. | | | 1952-53. | | |
|-----------------|----------|---------------|-------------|----------|---------------|-------------|----------|---------------|-------------|----------|---------------|-------------|
| | Wool. | Other Groups. | All Groups. | Wool. | Other Groups. | All Groups. | Wool. | Other Groups. | All Groups. | Wool. | Other Groups. | All Groups. |
| July .. | a339 | 277 | 305 | a592 | 333 | 451 | a717 | 400 | 544 | a566 | 381 | 465 |
| August .. | a347 | 284 | 313 | 864 | 340 | 579 | 551 | 400 | 468 | a566 | 380 | 465 |
| September .. | 339 | 292 | 314 | 890 | 355 | 599 | 498 | 400 | 445 | 551 | 379 | 457 |
| October .. | 392 | 305 | 345 | 890 | 360 | 602 | 686 | 403 | 532 | 588 | 370 | 469 |
| November .. | 419 | 305 | 357 | 965 | 366 | 639 | 603 | 398 | 492 | 588 | 368 | 469 |
| December .. | 456 | 307 | 375 | 973 | 366 | 643 | 581 | 403 | 484 | 618 | 376 | 486 |
| January .. | 562 | 310 | 425 | 1,252 | 368 | 771 | 566 | 402 | 477 | 618 | 376 | 486 |
| February .. | 536 | 315 | 416 | 1,339 | 369 | 811 | 520 | 402 | 456 | 626 | 371 | 487 |
| March .. | 524 | 316 | 411 | 1,437 | 377 | 860 | 460 | 400 | 427 | 656 | 369 | 500 |
| April .. | a554 | 324 | 429 | 1,094 | 384 | 708 | 475 | 397 | 432 | 671 | 363 | 503 |
| May .. | 611 | 328 | 457 | 973 | 385 | 653 | 543 | 385 | 457 | 701 | 361 | 516 |
| June .. | 592 | 331 | 450 | 717 | 383 | 535 | 566 | 376 | 463 | 641 | 363 | 490 |
| Average of Year | 473 | 308 | 383 | 999 | 365 | 654 | 564 | 397 | 473 | 616 | 371 | 483 |

| Period | 1953-54. | | | 1954-55. | | | 1955-56. | | | 1956-57. | | |
|-----------------|----------|---------------|-------------|----------|---------------|-------------|----------|---------------|-------------|----------|---------------|-------------|
| | Wool. | Other Groups. | All Groups. | Wool. | Other Groups. | All Groups. | Wool. | Other Groups. | All Groups. | Wool. | Other Groups. | All Groups. |
| July .. | a641 | 369 | 493 | a622 | 338 | 468 | a505 | 347 | 419 | 490 | 329 | 403 |
| August .. | a634 | 367 | 488 | 566 | 338 | 442 | 453 | 347 | 395 | 520 | 329 | 416 |
| September .. | 626 | 365 | 484 | 566 | 339 | 442 | 437 | 347 | 388 | 566 | r336 | 440 |
| October .. | 634 | 363 | 486 | 536 | 344 | 431 | 437 | 351 | 390 | p551 | r333 | pr432 |
| November .. | 634 | 360 | 485 | 513 | 343 | 421 | 437 | 352 | 391 | p581 | r331 | pr445 |
| December .. | 611 | 358 | 473 | 532 | 348 | 432 | 453 | 352 | 398 | p588 | p329 | p447 |
| January .. | 603 | 354 | 468 | 520 | 345 | 425 | 460 | 349 | 400 | p596 | p331 | p452 |
| February .. | 581 | 350 | 455 | 528 | 342 | 427 | 460 | 340 | 395 | p611 | p330 | p458 |
| March .. | 581 | 351 | 456 | 528 | 341 | 426 | 453 | 334 | 388 | p596 | p324 | p448 |
| April .. | a596 | 348 | 461 | 520 | 340 | 422 | 468 | 325 | 390 | | | |
| May .. | 618 | 346 | 470 | 520 | 340 | 422 | 498 | 324 | 403 | | | |
| June .. | 622 | 346 | 472 | 505 | 343 | 417 | a505 | 332 | 411 | | | |
| Average of Year | 615 | 356 | 474 | 538 | 342 | 431 | 464 | 342 | 397 | | | |

(a) Nominal.

NOTE.—The index numbers in the two preceding tables indicate satisfactorily the trends of export prices, but take no account of the relative quantities actually sold at the different prices ruling during each month. The impact of the price movements on current sales is indicated more directly by the index numbers below. In computing these the "quantity multipliers" are the quantities actually exported in the months (or periods) to which the index numbers relate. The index numbers for the most recent available month are :—

| All Groups. | Month of March. | | Nine months ended March. | |
|-------------------|-----------------|-------|--------------------------|-------|
| | 1956. | 1957. | 1956. | 1957. |
| Excluding Wool .. | 100 | 100 | 100 | 98 |
| Including Wool .. | 100 | 122 | 100 | 118 |

For meaning of symbols p, r, see page 1.

WHOLESALE PRICE (BASIC MATERIALS AND FOODSTUFFS) INDEX.

Commodities in this index are priced in their primary or basic form wherever possible. The prices used have, in the main, been obtained directly from manufacturers and merchants. With a few important exceptions they are from Melbourne sources. The weighting system adopted is based on estimates of the average annual consumption of the commodities in Australia during the years 1928-29 to 1934-35 inclusive.

(Base of each Group : Average of three years ended June, 1939 = 100.)

| Period. | Basic Materials. | | | | | | | Basic Materials & Foodstuffs. | | | |
|--------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|-----------|------------|-------------------|---------------------|--------|--------------------------------|------------------------------------|---|--------------------------|
| | Metals and Coal. (a) | Oils, Fats and Waxes. | Textiles. | Chemicals. | Rubber and Hides. | Building Materials. | Total. | Foodstuffs and Tobacco. (c) | Goods principally Imported. (b) | Goods principally Home Produced. (c) | Total All Groups. (c) |
| 1936-37 .. | 96 | 99 | 118 | 99 | 111 | 99 | 99 | 98 | 99 | 98 | 99 |
| 1937-38 .. | 101 | 101 | 100 | 100 | 97 | 104 | 102 | 102 | 102 | 101 | 101 |
| 1938-39 .. | 103 | 100 | 82 | 101 | 92 | 97 | 99 | 101 | 99 | 100 | 100 |
| 1949-50 .. | 214 | 184 | 434 | 187 | 143 | 225 | 214 | 196 | 223 | 196 | 204 |
| 1950-51 .. | 256 | 196 | 641 | 242 | 292 | 268 | 264 | 229 | 256 | 240 | 244 |
| 1951-52 .. | 343 | 220 | 577 | 314 | 298 | 370 | 321 | 276 | 288 | 300 | 297 |
| 1952-53 .. | 392 | 234 | 607 | 350 | 224 | 404 | 350 | 293 | 292 | 331 | 319 |
| 1953-54 .. | 388 | 222 | 566 | 323 | 191 | 363 | 332 | 308 | 271 | 339 | 319 |
| 1954-55 .. | 391 | 214 | 510 | 314 | 246 | 372 | 330 | 315 | 277 | 340 | 322 |
| 1955-56 .. | 404 | 220 | 456 | 317 | 328 | 415 | 345 | 325 | 292 | 352 | 334 |
| 1954-55— | | | | | | | | | | | |
| March .. | 396 | 214 | 507 | 315 | 264 | 381 | 334 | 319 | 282 | 345 | 326 |
| April .. | 397 | 214 | 496 | 315 | 271 | 387 | 335 | 316 | 283 | 342 | 324 |
| May .. | 396 | 214 | 497 | 315 | 294 | 389 | 337 | 319 | 283 | 345 | 327 |
| June .. | 396 | 214 | 485 | 315 | 306 | 398 | 338 | 323 | 287 | 348 | 330 |
| 1955-56— | | | | | | | | | | | |
| July .. | 397 | 214 | 486 | 315 | 307 | 398 | 338 | 329 | 281 | 355 | 333 |
| August .. | 397 | 215 | 452 | 315 | 323 | 398 | 337 | 328 | 282 | 353 | 332 |
| September .. | 405 | 215 | 441 | 315 | 333 | 398 | 340 | 327 | 290 | 351 | 333 |
| October .. | 405 | 215 | 441 | 315 | 336 | 398 | 340 | 324 | 289 | 350 | 332 |
| November .. | 404 | 216 | 437 | 317 | 347 | 407 | 342 | 320 | 291 | 346 | 330 |
| December .. | 404 | 216 | 447 | 317 | 342 | 407 | 342 | 319 | 291 | 346 | 329 |
| January .. | 405 | 216 | 453 | 317 | 330 | 407 | 343 | 320 | 288 | 348 | 330 |
| February .. | 405 | 216 | 453 | 317 | 325 | 408 | 343 | 318 | 288 | 346 | 329 |
| March .. | 405 | 230 | 446 | 317 | 323 | 425 | 350 | 328 | 299 | 354 | 338 |
| April .. | 403 | 230 | 456 | 318 | 326 | 442 | 353 | 328 | 303 | 355 | 339 |
| May .. | 410 | 231 | 477 | 317 | 322 | 444 | 357 | 333 | 304 | 361 | 344 |
| June .. | 409 | 231 | 482 | 318 | 326 | 444 | 357 | 328 | 299 | 358 | 341 |
| 1956-57— | | | | | | | | | | | |
| July .. | 410 | 232 | 461 | 344 | 314 | 444 | 358 | 330 | 301 | 360 | 343 |
| August .. | 409 | 240 | 481 | 344 | 315 | 445 | 362 | 329 | 303 | 361 | 344 |
| September .. | 411 | 241 | 513 | 344 | 312 | 467 | 368 | 329 | 309 | 363 | 347 |
| October .. | 410 | 241 | p503 | 344 | 306 | 467 | p367 | 325 | 310 | p359 | p344 |
| November .. | 413 | 241 | p522 | 344 | 306 | 467 | p369 | 319 | 314 | p354 | p342 |
| December .. | 412 | 241 | p528 | 344 | 307 | 467 | p369 | 321 | 315 | p355 | p343 |
| January .. | 412 | 240 | p533 | 344 | 307 | 467 | p369 | p321 | p316 | p354 | p343 |
| February .. | 409 | 244 | p544 | 344 | 298 | 467 | p370 | p324 | p318 | p356 | p345 |
| March .. | p407 | 244 | p532 | 344 | 296 | 467 | p368 | p324 | p315 | p356 | p344 |

(a) Special purpose index for the "Metals and Coal" group excluding coal and briquettes was 422 for March, 1957.
(b) Represents only such imported commodities as are included in the wholesale price index and does not measure changes in price of all imports.

(c) NOTE.—The indexes for "Foodstuffs and Tobacco", "Goods Principally Home Produced" and "Total All Groups" have been reconstructed as from the base period by excluding potatoes and onions. For the months January, 1957, to March, 1957, respectively, indexes comparable with those previously published including potatoes and onions were Foodstuffs and Tobacco, 319, 326 and 330; Goods principally Home Produced, 353, 358 and 361; Total All Groups, 342, 346 and 347.

For meaning of symbol p., see page 1.

WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES : VARIOUS COUNTRIES.

The items priced and the levels at which they are priced in these indexes vary widely according to the intended purposes of the indexes of the respective countries. For the United Kingdom and France the current indexes are not available on a pre-war base.

(Base : Average of 3 years ended June, 1939 = 100.)

| Period. | Australia. (e) | New Zealand. | South Africa. | Canada. | United States of America. (a) | Sweden. | United Kingdom | | France. | India. |
|------------|-------------------|--------------|---------------|---------|----------------------------------|---------|-------------------------------------|-----|--------------------------|---------------------------------|
| | | | | | | | (b) | (c) | | |
| 1936-37 .. | 99 | 96 | 97 | 101 | 104 | 98 | Base : 30th June, 1949 = 100. | | Base : 1949 = 100. | Base : 1938-39 (d) = 100. |
| 1937-38 .. | 101 | 102 | 103 | 104 | 101 | 103 | | | | |
| 1938-39 .. | 100 | 102 | 100 | 95 | 95 | 99 | | | | |
| 1951-52 .. | 297 | 243 | 252 | 229 | 213 | 285 | | | | |
| 1952-53 .. | 319 | 252 | 269 | 216 | 209 | 278 | 175 | 128 | 145 | 414 |
| 1953-54 .. | 319 | 248 | 270 | 214 | 209 | 268 | 152 | 126 | 141 | 386 |
| 1954-55 .. | 322 | 249 | 274 | 211 | 208 | 272 | 143 | 125 | 137 | 397 |
| 1955-56 .. | 334 | 253 | 283 | 217 | 212 | 290 | 147 | 127 | 135 | 365 |
| 1955-56— | | | | | | | 155 | 133 | 139 | 373 |
| June .. | 341 | 258 | 281 | 221 | 216 | 298 | 155 | 135 | 141 | 398 |
| 1956-57— | | | | | | | | | | |
| July .. | 343 | 262 | 281 | 221 | 216 | 294 | 154 | 136 | 140 | 409 |
| Aug. .. | 344 | 265 | 282 | 222 | 217 | 293 | 156 | 136 | 142 | 419 |
| Sept. .. | 347 | 266 | 284 | 222 | 218 | 292 | 157 | 137 | 142 | 420 |
| Oct. .. | p 344 | 267 | 284 | 222 | 219 | 293 | 155 | 137 | 141 | 418 |
| Nov. .. | p 342 | 263 | 286 | 221 | 219 | 294 | 159 | 137 | 143 | 428 |
| Dec. .. | p 343 | 259 | 288 | 223 | 220 | 297 | 162 | 138 | 144 | 429 |
| Jan. .. | p 343 | 256 | 287 | 224 | 221 | 298 | 161 | 138 | 145 | 422 |
| Feb. .. | p 345 | 257 | 287 | 223 | 221 | 295 | 160 | 138 | | |

(a) Current series linked as at January, 1947 to former series to show movement prior to that date. (b) Basic materials (excluding fuel) used in non-food manufacturing industry. (c) All manufactured products other than fuel, food and tobacco. (d) Year ended August, 1939. (e) See note (c) page 24.

RETAIL PRICE INDEXES : VARIOUS COUNTRIES.

(Base : Average of 3 years ended June, 1939 = 100 (a).)

| Period. | | | Australia. (d) | | New Zealand. | South Africa. | Canada. | United States of America. | United Kingdom. | | |
|-----------|----|----|--------------------|-------|--------------|---------------|---------|------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----|-----|
| 1936-37 | .. | .. | 97.3 | | 96 | 97 | 98 | 100 | Base : 17th June, 1947 = 100b | | |
| 1937-38 | .. | .. | 99.8 | | 101 | 101 | 102 | 101 | | | |
| 1938-39 | .. | .. | 102.9 | | 103 | 102 | 100 | 99 | | | |
| 1951-52 | .. | .. | 233.7 | | 176 | 182 | 186 | 186 | (c) 131 | | |
| 1952-53 | .. | .. | 255.0 | | 185 | 194 | 184 | 189 | 139 | | |
| 1953-54 | .. | .. | 262.2 | | 195 | 199 | 184 | 190 | 140 | | |
| 1954-55 | .. | .. | 264.4 | | 201 | 204 | 185 | 190 | 146 | | |
| 1955-56 | .. | .. | { A274.2 B277.4 | | 206 | 209 | 186 | 190 | (c) 154 | | |
| 1956-57— | | | | | | | | | | | |
| July | .. | .. | { A | B | 213 | { | 212 | 188 | 194 | 156 | |
| August | .. | .. | | | | | 283.2 | 294.6 | 210 | 189 | 193 |
| September | .. | .. | { | 284.9 | 291.3 | 213 | { | 211 | 189 | 194 | 157 |
| October | .. | .. | | | | | | 211 | 190 | 195 | 158 |
| November | .. | .. | | | | | | 212 | 191 | 195 | 158 |
| December | .. | .. | | | | | | 212 | 191 | 195 | 159 |
| January | .. | .. | { | 287.2 | 287.6 | 211 | { | 213 | 191 | 196 | 160 |
| February | .. | .. | | | | | | 213 | 192 | 196 | 160 |
| March | .. | .. | | | | | | 213 | 192 | | 160 |

(a) For bases of series for the United Kingdom, see notes (b) and (c). (b) New series on base 17th June, 1947 = 100 ; cannot be linked to former series. (c) New series linked to former series. (d) Indexes in Columns "A" exclude, and those in Columns "B" include, the price movement of potatoes and onions.

For meaning of symbols p, —, see page 1.

"C" SERIES RETAIL PRICE INDEX AND WAGE-RATE INDEXES.

In the tables on this and the following page the index numbers have been converted arithmetically to the base average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000 in order to facilitate comparisons with other data. The absolute index numbers differ, in consequence, from those appearing in other publications of the Bureau.

(Base of each Group : Average of 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000.)

| Period. | Retail Price Indexes : Weighted Average of Six Capital Cities. | | | | | | Weekly Wage-rate Indexes : Six States. | |
|--------------------------|--|---|-----------|---------------------|---|--------------------------------------|--|--|
| | Food and Groceries. (a) | Rent of 4 and 5 roomed houses. | Clothing. | Miscel- laneous. | Food, etc., Rent, Clothing and Miscel- laneous ("C" Series). (a) | Nominal Rates, Adult Males. | "Real" Wage, Adult Males. (a)(b) | |
| 1936-37 | 963 | 968 | 976 | 996 | 973 | 949 | 976 | |
| 1937-38 | 989 | 1,001 | 1,006 | 1,003 | 998 | 1,007 | 1,000 | |
| 1938-39 | 1,048 | 1,031 | 1,018 | 1,001 | 1,029 | 1,044 | 1,015 | |
| 1949-50 | 1,664 | 1,063 | 2,626 | 1,443 | 1,669 | 1,913 | 1,146 | |
| 1950-51 | 1,998 | 1,076 | 3,044 | 1,597 | 1,906 | 2,298 | 1,206 | |
| 1951-52 | 2,694 | 1,104 | 3,623 | 1,898 | 2,337 | 2,806 | 1,201 | |
| 1952-53 | 2,950 | 1,194 | 3,893 | 2,124 | 2,550 | 3,104 | 1,217 | |
| 1953-54 | 3,073 | 1,255 | 3,938 | 2,148 | 2,622 | 3,207 | 1,223 | |
| 1954-55 | 3,098 | 1,309 | 3,940 | 2,145 | 2,644 | 3,249 | 1,229 | |
| 1955-56 | A 3,265 B 3,354 | 1,377 | 3,968 | 2,230 | A 2,742 B 2,774 | 3,364 | A 1,227 B 1,213 | |
| 1951-52— March | 2,751 | 1,105 | 3,658 | 1,905 | 2,366 | 2,878 | 1,216 | |
| June | 2,937 | 1,124 | 3,789 | 2,031 | 2,488 | 2,946 | 1,184 | |
| 1952-53— September .. | 2,966 | 1,156 | 3,808 | 2,103 | 2,524 | 3,054 | 1,210 | |
| December .. | 2,908 | 1,181 | 3,884 | 2,121 | 2,530 | 3,102 | 1,226 | |
| March | 2,943 | 1,212 | 3,912 | 2,134 | 2,558 | 3,110 | 1,216 | |
| June | 2,981 | 1,227 | 3,967 | 2,138 | 2,586 | 3,150 | 1,218 | |
| 1953-54— September .. | 3,073 | 1,235 | 3,946 | 2,141 | 2,618 | 3,195 | 1,220 | |
| December .. | 3,092 | 1,243 | 3,933 | 2,147 | 2,624 | 3,206 | 1,222 | |
| March | 3,070 | 1,255 | 3,946 | 2,157 | 2,624 | 3,213 | 1,224 | |
| June | 3,055 | 1,286 | 3,927 | 2,148 | 2,621 | 3,214 | 1,226 | |
| 1954-55— September .. | 3,037 | 1,301 | 3,924 | 2,145 | 2,618 | 3,213 | 1,227 | |
| December .. | 3,063 | 1,306 | 3,939 | 2,147 | 2,631 | 3,233 | 1,229 | |
| March | 3,124 | 1,310 | 3,934 | 2,132 | 2,649 | 3,269 | 1,234 | |
| June | 3,169 | 1,320 | 3,961 | 2,157 | 2,678 | 3,283 | 1,226 | |
| 1955-56— September .. | A 3,215 B 3,265 | 1,330 | 3,965 | 2,169 | A 2,700 B 2,719 | 3,299 | A 1,222 B 1,213 | |
| December .. | 3,239 3,308 | 1,337 | 3,971 | 2,218 | 2,721 2,746 | 3,345 | 1,229 1,218 | |
| March | 3,262 3,348 | 1,415 | 3,965 | 2,227 | 2,748 2,780 | 3,371 | 1,227 1,213 | |
| June | 3,343 3,495 | 1,425 | 3,971 | 2,305 | 2,797 2,851 | 3,439 | 1,230 1,206 | |
| 1956-57— September .. | 3,394 3,712 | 1,436 | 3,985 | 2,369 | 2,832 2,946 | 3,485 | 1,230 1,183 | |
| December .. | 3,380 3,559 | 1,446 | 4,024 | 2,418 | 2,849 2,913 | 3,527 | 1,238 1,211 | |
| March | 3,401 3,412 | 1,465 | 4,062 | 2,435 | 2,872 2,876 | 3,521 | 1,226 1,224 | |

(a) Indexes in Columns "A" exclude, and those in Columns "B" include, the price movement of potatoes and onions.
weekly wage rates for adult males divided by the "C" Series Retail Price index number.

(b) Index of nominal

WAGE RATES AND AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS.

(Adult Males.)

| Particulars. | New South Wales. | Victoria. | Queensland. | South Australia. | Western Australia. | Tasmania. | Six Capitals or Six States. |
|----------------------------------|------------------|-----------|-------------|------------------|--------------------|-----------|-----------------------------|
| <i>1956 : March Quarter—</i> | | | | | | | |
| Nominal weekly wage rate (a) .. | 3,489 | 3,339 | 3,195 | 3,175 | 3,413 | 3,418 | 3,371 |
| Average Weekly Hours (a) .. | 890 | 889 | 890 | 890 | 879 | 890 | 889 |
| Federal metrop. basic wage (b) | 243/- | 235/- | 218/- | 231/- | 236/- | 242/- | 236/- |
| State | (c) 255/- | (c) 251/- | (d) 229/- | (b) 231/- | (e) 253/8 | (c) 259/- | .. |
| <i>1956 : June Quarter—</i> | | | | | | | |
| Nominal weekly wage rate (a) | 3,538 | 3,423 | 3,258 | 3,290 | 3,446 | 3,541 | 3,439 |
| Average Weekly Hours (a) .. | 890 | 889 | 890 | 890 | 879 | 890 | 889 |
| Federal metrop. basic wage (f) | 253/- | 245/- | 228/- | 241/- | 246/- | 252/- | 246/- |
| State | (c) 256/- | (c) 256/- | (g) 233/- | (f) 241/- | (g) 257/1 | (c) 268/- | .. |
| <i>1956 : September Quarter—</i> | | | | | | | |
| Nominal weekly wage rate (a) | 3,588 | 3,465 | 3,336 | 3,291 | 3,493 | 3,551 | 3,485 |
| Average Weekly Hours (a) .. | 890 | 889 | 890 | 890 | 879 | 890 | 889 |
| Federal metrop. basic wage (f) | 253/- | 245/- | 228/- | 241/- | 246/- | 252/- | 246/- |
| State | (c) 263/- | (c) 263/- | (h) 237/- | (f) 241/- | (h) 261/6 | (c) 272/- | .. |
| <i>1956 : December Quarter—</i> | | | | | | | |
| Nominal weekly wage rate(a) .. | 3,675 | 3,466 | 3,387 | 3,291 | 3,534 | 3,551 | 3,527 |
| Average Weekly Hours (a) .. | 890 | 889 | 890 | 890 | 879 | 890 | 889 |
| Federal metrop. basic wage (f) | 253/- | 245/- | 228/- | 241/- | 246/- | 252/- | 246/- |
| State | (c) 274/- | (j) 263/- | (i) 241/- | (f) 241/- | (i) 265/2 | (j) 272/- | .. |
| <i>1957 : March Quarter—</i> | | | | | | | |
| Nominal weekly wage rate(a) .. | 3,647 | 3,471 | 3,388 | 3,291 | 3,554 | 3,551 | 3,521 |
| Average Weekly Hours (a) .. | 890 | 889 | 890 | 890 | 879 | 890 | 889 |
| Federal metrop. basic wage (f) | 253/- | 245/- | 228/- | 241/- | 246/- | 252/- | 246/- |
| State | (c) 270/- | (j) 263/- | (i) 241/- | (f) 241/- | (k) 266/3 | (j) 272/- | .. |

(a) Index numbers: Base—Weighted Average, Six States Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000. (b) Automatic adjustments discontinued. The rates shown came into operation from beginning of first pay-period commencing August, 1953. (c) Automatic adjustments operative. Rates payable as from the beginning of the first pay-period commencing in the second month of the quarter shown. (d) Payable as from 24th October, 1955. (e) Payable as from 31st January, 1956. (f) Payable as from first pay-period in June, 1956. (g) Payable as from 23rd April, 1956. (h) Payable as from 23rd July, 1956. (i) Payable as from 29th October, 1956. (j) Automatic adjustment discontinued. Rates shown came into operation from the beginning of the first pay-period in August, 1956. (k) Payable as from 25th January, 1957.

INTERIM RETAIL PRICE INDEX.

The list of items covered by the Interim Index is representative of a high proportion of expenditure of wage earner households. It is more comprehensive than that of the "C" Series Index and some of the principal food weights and group weights differ substantially from those used in the "C" Series Index. The weighting pattern and the list of component items in the "C" Series Index relate to the pre-war pattern of wage earner expenditure and consumption, whilst those of the Interim Index relate to the consumption pattern of 1950-53.

(Base of each Group : Year 1952-53 = 100.)

| Period. | Weighted Average of Six Capital Cities. | | | | | | | |
|------------------|---|-------|-----------------------------|-------|--------------|----------------------|-------|--|
| | Food.(a) | | Clothing and Drapery. | Rent. | Other Items. | Total All Groups.(a) | | |
| | A | B | | | | A | B | |
| Year ended June— | | | | | | | | |
| 1953 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | |
| 1954 | 102.8 | 103.7 | 101.6 | 105.0 | 100.9 | 102.2 | 102.5 | |
| 1955 | 104.8 | 104.6 | 102.4 | 109.6 | 101.4 | 103.7 | 103.6 | |
| 1956 | 108.1 | 110.6 | 103.3 | 115.5 | 106.4 | 107.0 | 108.0 | |
| Quarter ended— | | | | | | | | |
| 1955—March .. | 105.3 | 105.3 | 102.4 | 109.7 | 101.2 | 103.8 | 103.8 | |
| June .. | 106.0 | 106.4 | 103.3 | 110.5 | 101.9 | 104.5 | 104.7 | |
| September .. | 106.7 | 108.2 | 103.3 | 111.4 | 102.8 | 105.1 | 105.7 | |
| December .. | 107.0 | 109.0 | 103.4 | 112.0 | 106.2 | 106.3 | 107.0 | |
| 1956—March .. | 108.2 | 110.6 | 103.3 | 118.8 | 106.7 | 107.4 | 108.3 | |
| June .. | 110.7 | 114.5 | 103.4 | 119.7 | 110.1 | 109.4 | 110.8 | |
| September .. | 111.9 | 119.6 | 103.8 | 120.6 | 115.6 | 111.5 | 114.4 | |
| December .. | 111.6 | 116.2 | 105.3 | 121.5 | 117.8 | 112.5 | 114.2 | |
| 1957—March .. | 112.6 | 113.2 | 106.3 | 123.1 | 118.5 | 113.5 | 113.7 | |

(a) The index in Column "A" excludes, and that in Column "B" includes, potatoes and onions.

FARM PRODUCTION PRICE INDEXES.

The annual index numbers shown in the following table relate to average "prices" of farm products realized in the principal markets of Australia. The "price" data used are average unit values for the total quantities of the relevant commodities produced or marketed in each year and the index numbers therefore measure both the effects of changes in prices (as such) and of variations in the quality, type, usage, etc., of products marketed. The index numbers for any year relate to the average values of farm products produced or marketed in that year, irrespective of the periods in which payment is received by producers.

The index numbers shown below are the Revised Series (December, 1952) in which average quantities of each product marketed in the period 1946-47 to 1950-51 have been used as fixed weights.

The preliminary index numbers for 1955-56 are based mainly on the recorded or estimated movement in average values for the major farm products. They will be reviewed from time to time as further "price" data become available.

(Base of each Group : Average of 3 years ended June, 1939 = 100.)

| Year. | Agriculture. | Pastoral. | Farmyard and Dairying. | All Farming. | Wool (Shorn and Dead). | Products Other than Wool. |
|---------------|--------------|-----------|------------------------|--------------|------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1936-37 | 114 | 115 | 93 | 109 | 126 | 104 |
| 1937-38 | 98 | 98 | 102 | 99 | 95 | 100 |
| 1938-39 | 88 | 87 | 105 | 92 | 79 | 96 |
| 1947-48 | 267 | 263 | 183 | 247 | 301 | 230 |
| 1948-49 | 234 | 313 | 197 | 260 | 366 | 225 |
| 1949-50 | 272 | 396 | 228 | 316 | 483 | 261 |
| 1950-51 | 291 | 818 | 258 | 505 | 1,098 | 308 |
| 1951-52 | 355 | 501 | 332 | 410 | 552 | 363 |
| 1952-53 | 364 | 531 | 387 | 440 | 623 | 379 |
| 1953-54 | 324 | 534 | 395 | 429 | 621 | 365 |
| 1954-55 | 316 | 489 | 371 | 401 | 540 | 355 |
| 1955-56 | 322 | 442 | 385 | 388 | 468 | 362 |

SHARE PRICE INDEXES.

In comparing movements in the two sets of index numbers on this page, attention should be paid to differences in the methods by which they have been constructed, and in the nature of the companies and the types of shares included in each index. These are outlined in the footnotes to the table.

(Base of each Group : Average of 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000.)

| Period. | New South Wales : Ordinary Shares.(a) | | | | | | Queensland : Ordinary Shares.(b) | | |
|---------------|---|----------------------------|---|------------------------------|--|--|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| | 23 Manufacturing and Distributing Companies. | 10 Retail Companies. | 4 Pastoral and Finance Companies. | 4 Insurance Companies. | 75 Companies (including 34 Miscellaneous). | 34 Active shares in- cluded in foregoing. (c) | 12 Industrials. | 12 Financial and Trading. | 24 Total of foregoing. |
| 1936-37 | 989 | 1,059 | 1,106 | 1,052 | 1,022 | 1,026 | 1,006 | 1,000 | 1,003 |
| 1937-38 | 1,012 | 1,008 | 1,053 | 983 | 1,009 | 1,011 | 1,014 | 1,011 | 1,013 |
| 1938-39 | 999 | 933 | 841 | 965 | 969 | 963 | 980 | 989 | 984 |
| 1951-52 | 2,040 | 1,658 | 1,606 | 2,625 | 1,662 | 1,537 | 1,838 | 1,402 | 1,638 |
| 1952-53 | 1,733 | 1,376 | 1,337 | 2,059 | 1,398 | 1,335 | 1,494 | 1,186 | 1,353 |
| 1953-54 | 1,784 | 1,534 | 1,385 | 2,217 | 1,475 | 1,443 | 1,658 | 1,302 | 1,495 |
| 1954-55 | 1,943 | 1,885 | 1,555 | 2,184 | 1,626 | 1,598 | 1,695 | 1,434 | 1,575 |
| 1955-56 | 2,038 | 2,178 | 1,751 | 2,142 | 1,726 | 1,649 | 1,726 | 1,475 | 1,612 |
| 1954-55— | | | | | | | | | |
| March | 1,964 | 1,940 | 1,553 | 2,206 | 1,651 | 1,629 | 1,678 | 1,443 | 1,570 |
| April | 1,960 | 1,973 | 1,544 | 2,188 | 1,655 | 1,632 | 1,684 | 1,415 | 1,560 |
| May | 2,018 | 2,005 | 1,563 | 2,160 | 1,682 | 1,647 | 1,710 | 1,410 | 1,572 |
| June | 2,047 | 2,147 | 1,699 | 2,157 | 1,737 | 1,666 | 1,739 | 1,463 | 1,612 |
| 1955-56— | | | | | | | | | |
| July | 2,110 | 2,329 | 1,855 | 2,172 | 1,798 | 1,731 | 1,755 | 1,494 | 1,635 |
| August | 2,117 | 2,267 | 1,813 | 2,223 | 1,789 | 1,719 | 1,809 | 1,499 | 1,674 |
| September .. | 2,074 | 2,181 | 1,771 | 2,163 | 1,752 | 1,687 | 1,721 | 1,494 | 1,617 |
| October | 2,082 | 2,160 | 1,808 | 2,157 | 1,753 | 1,681 | 1,694 | 1,468 | 1,590 |
| November .. | 2,044 | 2,147 | 1,768 | 2,133 | 1,727 | 1,648 | 1,699 | 1,473 | 1,596 |
| December .. | 2,039 | 2,189 | 1,780 | 2,147 | 1,734 | 1,655 | 1,701 | 1,477 | 1,598 |
| January | 2,059 | 2,235 | 1,782 | 2,169 | 1,746 | 1,669 | 1,736 | 1,489 | 1,622 |
| February .. | 2,043 | 2,230 | 1,780 | 2,159 | 1,735 | 1,659 | 1,746 | 1,469 | 1,619 |
| March | 2,006 | 2,169 | 1,729 | 2,079 | 1,700 | 1,609 | 1,740 | 1,480 | 1,620 |
| April | 1,995 | 2,153 | 1,679 | 2,089 | 1,688 | 1,599 | 1,740 | 1,473 | 1,618 |
| May | 1,972 | 2,061 | 1,639 | 2,098 | 1,663 | 1,583 | 1,709 | 1,457 | 1,594 |
| June | 1,918 | 2,010 | 1,613 | 2,112 | 1,632 | 1,551 | 1,668 | 1,428 | 1,559 |
| 1956-57— | | | | | | | | | |
| July | 1,909 | 1,973 | 1,668 | 2,140 | 1,626 | 1,556 | 1,689 | 1,431 | 1,570 |
| August | 1,944 | 2,002 | 1,718 | 2,268 | 1,657 | 1,608 | 1,699 | 1,426 | 1,574 |
| September .. | 1,997 | 2,004 | 1,740 | 2,400 | 1,689 | 1,639 | 1,704 | 1,447 | 1,586 |
| October | 2,034 | 2,006 | 1,797 | 2,468 | 1,702 | 1,652 | 1,700 | 1,474 | 1,597 |
| November .. | 2,000 | 1,963 | 1,772 | 2,537 | 1,682 | 1,626 | 1,699 | 1,461 | 1,590 |
| December .. | 2,008 | 1,929 | 1,732 | 2,506 | 1,674 | 1,620 | 1,682 | 1,456 | 1,579 |
| January | 2,067 | 1,949 | 1,829 | 2,594 | 1,719 | 1,678 | 1,667 | 1,467 | 1,575 |
| February .. | 2,078 | 1,974 | 1,850 | 2,625 | 1,743 | 1,693 | 1,725 | 1,473 | 1,609 |
| March | 2,084 | 1,931 | 1,825 | 2,571 | 1,735 | 1,671 | | | |

(a) Compiled by the New South Wales Government Statistician ; converted from original base, par values. The index numbers relate to the prices of ordinary shares on the Sydney Stock Exchange of principal companies (excluding banks) whose business in New South Wales is extensive. The prices of individual shares are unweighted and each group average is the mean of the average monthly prices per £1 of paid-up capital. Adjustments are made for changes in the capital structure of the companies. Minor revisions were made in the composition of the index in August, 1956. (b) Compiled by the Queensland Bureau of Industry. The index numbers are based on the prices of the ordinary shares of 21 representative Queensland companies, and the preference shares of three companies whose ordinary shares are inactive. The index numbers represent unweighted averages. Mean monthly values are used. Recomputed from original base, April, 1928. (c) These shares relate to leading companies and do not include bank shares or mining shares.

COMPARISON OF PRICE INDEXES.

(Base of each Group : Average of 3 years ended June, 1939 = 100.)

| Period. | Export Prices. | | | | Wholesale Prices. | | | | Retail Prices. | | |
|--------------|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|--------|-------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------|---|---|-------------------|
| | Wool. | All Groups. | | | Basic Materials. | Basic Materials and Foodstuffs. | | | Weighted Average of Six Capital Cities. | | |
| | | Excluding Wool. | Excluding Gold. | Total. | | Goods Principally Imported. (a) | Goods Principally Home-produced. (b) | All Groups. (b) | “C” Series Index.(c) | | Interim Index.(d) |
| | | | | | | | | | Base : 1952-53 = 100 | | |
| 1936-37 .. | 122 | 108 | 116 | 115 | 99 | 99 | 98 | 99 | 97.3 | | |
| 1937-38 .. | 99 | 105 | 102 | 102 | 102 | 102 | 101 | 101 | 99.8 | | |
| 1938-39 .. | 79 | 87 | 82 | 83 | 99 | 99 | 100 | 100 | 102.9 | (Arithmetic-ally converted for comparison.) | |
| 1948-49 .. | 365 | 305 | 348 | 332 | 188 | 201 | 172 | 180 | 152.8 | | |
| 1949-50 .. | 473 | 308 | 399 | 383 | 214 | 223 | 196 | 204 | 166.9 | | |
| 1950-51 .. | 999 | 365 | 690 | 654 | 264 | 256 | 240 | 244 | 190.6 | 74.8 | 74.9 |
| 1951-52 .. | 564 | 397 | 495 | 473 | 321 | 288 | 300 | 297 | 233.7 | 91.7 | 91.4 |
| 1952-53 .. | 616 | 371 | 505 | 483 | 350 | 292 | 331 | 319 | 255.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| 1953-54 .. | 615 | 356 | 496 | 474 | 332 | 271 | 339 | 319 | 262.2 | 102.8 | 102.5 |
| 1954-55 .. | 538 | 342 | 450 | 431 | 330 | 277 | 340 | 322 | 264.4 | 103.7 | 103.6 |
| 1955-56 .. | 464 | 342 | 414 | 397 | 345 | 292 | 352 | 334 | (e) | (e) | (e) |
| 1954-55— | | | | | | | | | | | |
| January .. | 520 | 345 | 444 | 425 | 329 | 279 | 336 | 319 | 264.9 | 103.9 | 103.8 |
| February .. | 528 | 342 | 446 | 427 | 332 | 281 | 340 | 323 | | | |
| March .. | 528 | 341 | 446 | 426 | 334 | 282 | 345 | 326 | | | |
| April .. | 520 | 340 | 441 | 422 | 335 | 283 | 342 | 324 | 267.8 | 105.0 | 104.7 |
| May .. | 520 | 340 | 441 | 422 | 337 | 283 | 345 | 327 | | | |
| June .. | 505 | 343 | 435 | 417 | 338 | 287 | 348 | 330 | | | |
| 1955-56— | | | | | | | | | | | |
| July .. | (f)505 | 347 | 437 | 419 | 338 | 281 | 355 | 333 | (e) | (e) | (e) |
| August .. | 453 | 347 | 411 | 395 | 337 | 282 | 353 | 332 | | | |
| September .. | 437 | 347 | 404 | 388 | 340 | 290 | 351 | 333 | | | |
| October .. | 437 | 351 | 406 | 390 | 340 | 289 | 350 | 332 | (e) | (e) | (e) |
| November .. | 437 | 352 | 407 | 391 | 342 | 291 | 346 | 330 | | | |
| December .. | 453 | 352 | 414 | 398 | 342 | 291 | 346 | 329 | | | |
| January .. | 460 | 349 | 416 | 400 | 343 | 288 | 348 | 330 | (e) | (e) | (e) |
| February .. | 460 | 340 | 411 | 395 | 343 | 288 | 346 | 329 | | | |
| March .. | 453 | 334 | 404 | 388 | 350 | 299 | 354 | 338 | | | |
| April .. | 468 | 325 | 406 | 390 | 353 | 303 | 355 | 339 | (e) | (e) | (e) |
| May .. | 498 | 324 | 420 | 403 | 357 | 304 | 361 | 344 | | | |
| June .. | (f)505 | 332 | 428 | 411 | 357 | 299 | 358 | 341 | | | |
| 1956-57— | | | | | | | | | | | |
| July .. | 490 | 329 | 419 | 403 | 358 | 301 | 360 | 343 | (e) | (e) | (e) |
| August .. | 520 | 329 | 434 | 416 | 362 | 303 | 361 | 344 | | | |
| September .. | 566 | r336 | 460 | 440 | 368 | 309 | 363 | 347 | | | |
| October .. | p551 | r333 | pr451 | pr432 | p367 | 310 | p359 | p344 | (e) | (e) | (e) |
| November .. | p581 | r331 | pr455 | pr445 | p369 | 314 | p354 | p342 | | | |
| December .. | p588 | p329 | p467 | p447 | p369 | 315 | p355 | p343 | | | |
| January .. | p596 | p331 | p472 | p452 | p369 | p316 | p354 | p343 | (c) | (e) | (e) |
| February .. | p611 | p370 | p479 | p458 | p370 | p318 | p356 | p345 | | | |
| March .. | p596 | r324 | r468 | r448 | r368 | p315 | r356 | r344 | | | |

- (a) Represents only such imported commodities as are included in the wholesale price index and does not measure changes in price of all imports.
 (b) See note (c) page 24. (c) Covers Food and Groceries, House Rent, Clothing and Miscellaneous Items. (d) See note at head of page 28.
 (e) For indexes for these periods see pages 26 and 28 and Statistical Bulletin No. 499. (f) Nominal.

For meaning of symbols p, r, see page 1.

BUILDING PERMITS : SIX CAPITAL CITIES AND SUBURBS.

(As granted by local government authorities. Excluding government buildings except as indicated in note (a), page 33.)

| Period. | New Dwellings. | | Other New Buildings. | | Total New Buildings. | | Alterations and Additions. | Total. |
|-------------------------|----------------|--------|----------------------|--------|----------------------|--------|----------------------------|--------|
| | Number. | Value. | Number. | Value. | Number. | Value. | Value. | Value. |
| Monthly Average— | | £'000. | | £'000. | | £'000. | £'000. | £'000. |
| 1936-37(a) .. | 1,122 | 1,104 | 154 | 474 | 1,276 | 1,578 | 408 | 1,986 |
| 1937-38(a) .. | 1,394 | 1,413 | 147 | 472 | 1,541 | 1,885 | 422 | 2,307 |
| 1938-39(a) .. | 1,463 | 1,509 | 137 | 424 | 1,600 | 1,933 | 420 | 2,353 |
| 1948-49(b) .. | 2,621 | 4,457 | 110 | 440 | 2,731 | 4,897 | 680 | 5,577 |
| 1949-50 .. | 3,045 | 5,770 | 113 | 460 | 3,158 | 6,230 | 899 | 7,129 |
| 1950-51 .. | 3,558 | 7,857 | 151 | 1,062 | 3,709 | 8,919 | 1,507 | 10,426 |
| 1951-52 .. | 2,736 | 6,703 | 165 | 1,270 | 2,901 | 7,973 | 1,727 | 9,700 |
| 1952-53 .. | 2,506 | 6,472 | 303 | 1,744 | 2,809 | 8,216 | 1,829 | 10,045 |
| 1953-54 .. | 2,663 | 7,747 | 328 | 2,538 | 2,991 | 10,285 | 2,071 | 12,356 |
| 1954-55(c) .. | 3,673 | 11,244 | 378 | 4,083 | 4,051 | 15,327 | 2,593 | 17,920 |
| 1955-56 .. | 3,362 | 11,043 | 339 | 5,040 | 3,701 | 16,083 | 2,820 | 18,903 |
| Monthly Total— | | | | | | | | |
| 1954-55— | | | | | | | | |
| February .. | 3,595 | 10,907 | 387 | 4,273 | 3,982 | 15,180 | 2,219 | 17,399 |
| March .. | 3,670 | 12,064 | 354 | 4,235 | 4,024 | 16,299 | 2,608 | 18,907 |
| April .. | 3,212 | 10,137 | 339 | 4,430 | 3,551 | 14,567 | 2,561 | 17,128 |
| May .. | 3,725 | 11,889 | 451 | 3,566 | 4,176 | 15,455 | 3,289 | 18,744 |
| June .. | 3,969 | 12,577 | 408 | 5,731 | 4,377 | 18,308 | 3,000 | 21,308 |
| 1955-56— | | | | | | | | |
| July .. | 3,637 | 11,394 | 364 | 4,143 | 4,001 | 15,537 | 2,701 | 18,238 |
| August .. | 3,904 | 12,253 | 389 | 7,159 | 4,293 | 19,412 | 3,166 | 22,578 |
| September .. | 3,983 | 12,533 | 414 | 4,341 | 4,397 | 16,874 | 2,991 | 19,865 |
| October .. | 3,825 | 12,120 | 355 | 3,604 | 4,180 | 15,724 | 2,473 | 18,197 |
| November .. | 3,758 | 12,112 | 324 | 5,098 | 4,082 | 17,210 | 2,498 | 19,708 |
| December .. | 2,678 | 8,526 | 294 | 5,352 | 2,972 | 13,878 | 2,352 | 16,230 |
| January .. | 2,647 | 9,010 | 242 | 3,380 | 2,889 | 12,390 | 2,284 | 14,674 |
| February .. | 3,171 | 10,404 | 332 | 5,455 | 3,503 | 15,859 | 2,873 | 18,732 |
| March .. | 3,311 | 11,007 | 357 | 6,134 | 3,668 | 17,141 | 3,191 | 20,332 |
| April .. | 2,815 | 10,405 | 297 | 4,415 | 3,112 | 14,820 | 2,946 | 17,766 |
| May .. | 3,567 | 11,757 | 384 | 7,201 | 3,951 | 18,958 | 3,424 | 22,382 |
| June .. | 3,244 | 10,995 | 317 | 4,208 | 3,561 | 15,203 | 2,940 | 18,143 |
| 1956-57— | | | | | | | | |
| July .. | 3,089 | 10,262 | 376 | 5,559 | 3,465 | 15,821 | 2,993 | 18,814 |
| August .. | 3,187 | 10,818 | 328 | 4,057 | 3,515 | 14,875 | 2,899 | 17,774 |
| September .. | 2,833 | 9,517 | 292 | 3,785 | 3,125 | 13,302 | 2,314 | 15,616 |
| October .. | 3,257 | 11,002 | 384 | 4,968 | 3,641 | 15,970 | 3,332 | 19,302 |
| November .. | 3,484 | 11,254 | 319 | 4,290 | 3,803 | 15,544 | 2,674 | 18,218 |
| December .. | 2,260 | 7,273 | 276 | 3,039 | 2,536 | 10,312 | 1,771 | 12,083 |
| January .. | 2,725 | 9,191 | 271 | 4,457 | 2,996 | 13,648 | 2,072 | 15,720 |
| February .. | 3,065 | 10,435 | 300 | 3,733 | 3,365 | 14,168 | 2,195 | 16,363 |

(a) Excludes suburbs of Hobart. (b) From July, 1947, includes additional areas in the metropolitan area of Melbourne. For details see November, 1956, issue of this publication. (c) From July, 1954, includes additional areas in the metropolitan areas of Sydney, Melbourne and Hobart. For details see November, 1956, issue of this publication.

For meaning of symbol, ———, see page 1

BUILDING OPERATIONS : METROPOLITAN AND PROVINCIAL.

(Figures for government buildings relate to contracts let or day-labour work commenced. Figures for private buildings relate only to permits issued by local government authorities. Alterations and additions are included.)

(£'000.)

| Period. | Australia. | | | New South Wales | | | Victoria. | | |
|-------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| | Government. | Private. (a) | | Government. (b) | Private. | | Government. | Private. | |
| | Common-wealth and State. | Six Capital Cities and Suburbs. | Other recorded areas. | Common-wealth and State. | Sydney Metropol. Area. | Other recorded areas. See Note A. | Common-wealth and State. | Melbourne Metropol. Area. | Other recorded areas. See Note B. |
| Monthly Average— | | | | | | | | | |
| 1936-37 .. | n.a. | (c)1,986 | (d)627 | n.a. | 848 | 416 | n.a. | 667 | 62 |
| 1937-38 .. | n.a. | (c)2,307 | (d)764 | n.a. | 1,093 | 506 | n.a. | 669 | 78 |
| 1938-39 .. | 408 | (c)2,353 | (d)755 | 187 | 1,111 | 495 | 107 | 702 | 63 |
| 1950-51 .. | 4,348 | e10,426 | (f)8,568 | 1,964 | 3,610 | (g)4,519 | 1,428 | (e)3,187 | (h)2,031 |
| 1951-52 .. | 3,631 | 9,700 | 7,877 | 1,603 | 2,679 | 3,717 | 960 | 2,831 | 1,947 |
| 1952-53 .. | 2,772 | 10,045 | 7,671 | 923 | 2,799 | 3,542 | 1,129 | 2,906 | 1,931 |
| 1953-54 .. | (i)4,619 | 12,356 | 9,693 | 1,912 | 3,553 | 4,622 | 1,653 | 3,890 | 2,297 |
| 1954-55 .. | 5,936 | j17,920 | (j)8,379 | 2,461 | (k)6,340 | (k)3,550 | 1,779 | (k)5,598 | (k)1,812 |
| 1955-56 .. | 5,845 | 18,903 | 9,033 | 2,399 | 6,742 | 3,364 | 1,559 | 6,174 | 2,239 |
| 1954-55— | | | | | | | | | |
| March Qtr. | 5,873 | 16,761 | 7,712 | 2,451 | 5,393 | 3,022 | 1,478 | 5,426 | 1,635 |
| June .. | 7,255 | 19,060 | 8,704 | 3,482 | 7,199 | 3,775 | 2,155 | 5,988 | 1,777 |
| 1955-56— | | | | | | | | | |
| September .. | 6,681 | 20,227 | 10,085 | 2,767 | 7,273 | 3,653 | 1,146 | 6,495 | 3,224 |
| December .. | 6,415 | 18,045 | 8,921 | 2,681 | 5,899 | 3,292 | 2,164 | 5,899 | 1,873 |
| March .. | 4,398 | 17,912 | 7,892 | 1,156 | 6,778 | 3,121 | 1,500 | 5,699 | 1,939 |
| June .. | 5,885 | 19,431 | 9,239 | 2,991 | 7,016 | 3,394 | 1,427 | 6,604 | 1,919 |
| 1956-57— | | | | | | | | | |
| September .. | 5,705 | 17,401 | 8,487 | 2,923 | 6,112 | 3,198 | 1,382 | 5,996 | 1,848 |
| December .. | 4,713 | 16,535 | 8,724 | 2,264 | 5,769 | 2,908 | 918 | 5,104 | 2,084 |
| March .. | | | | | 6,299 | 2,981 | | | |
| Monthly Total— | | | | | | | | | |
| 1955-56— | | | | | | | | | |
| June .. | 6,893 | 18,143 | n.a. | 3,759 | 6,739 | 3,023 | 1,381 | 5,867 | 2,183 |
| 1956-57— | | | | | | | | | |
| July .. | 4,685 | 18,814 | n.a. | 2,037 | 6,561 | 3,215 | 1,334 | 7,090 | 1,853 |
| August .. | 3,872 | 17,774 | n.a. | 1,450 | 6,281 | 3,234 | 991 | 5,710 | 1,917 |
| September .. | 8,555 | 15,616 | n.a. | 5,282 | 5,494 | 3,146 | 1,821 | 5,188 | 1,775 |
| October .. | 5,265 | 19,302 | n.a. | 2,931 | 5,989 | 3,086 | 729 | 6,321 | 2,739 |
| November .. | 4,961 | 18,218 | n.a. | 2,484 | 7,317 | 2,898 | 879 | 4,995 | 1,987 |
| December .. | 3,914 | 12,083 | n.a. | 1,378 | 4,001 | 2,741 | 1,145 | 3,995 | 1,525 |
| January .. | 4,769 | 15,720 | n.a. | 1,263 | 6,290 | 2,139 | 2,075 | 5,169 | 1,631 |
| February .. | 4,946 | 16,363 | n.a. | 2,454 | 6,355 | 3,627 | 1,314 | 5,186 | 2,349 |
| March .. | | | | | 6,253 | 3,078 | | | |

(a) See note (a) on page 33. (b) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (c) Excludes suburbs of Hobart. (d) Incomplete, excludes Western Australia. (e) From July, 1947, the metropolitan area of Melbourne includes some additional areas. For details see November, 1956, issue of this publication. (f) See A and B below and C and F, page 33. (g) See A below. (h) See B below. (i) See note (f), page 33. (j) See note (k) this page and note (g), page 33. (k) From July, 1954, the metropolitan area includes some additional areas previously included in "Other Recorded Areas". For details see November, 1956, issue of this publication.

NOTES.

A. Includes 129 Country Towns and seven Shires near Sydney to June quarter, 1947, thereafter all areas outside Sydney and suburbs.
B. Includes the Cities of Ballarat, Bendigo, Geelong, Geelong West, Horsham, Mildura, Newtown and Chilwell, Sale, Shepparton and Warrnambool to June quarter, 1950, thereafter all areas outside Melbourne and suburbs.

For meaning of symbols n.a., —, see page 1.

BUILDING OPERATIONS : METROPOLITAN AND PROVINCIAL—continued.

(Figures for government buildings relate to contracts let or day labour work commenced. Figures for private buildings relate only to permits issued by local government authorities. Alterations and additions are included.)

(£'000.)

| Period. | Queensland. | | | South Australia. | | | Western Australia. | | | Tasmania. | | |
|-------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|--|--------------------------|------------------------|--|--------------------------|---------------------|--|--------------------------|----------------------|--|
| | Government. | | Private.(a) Other recorded areas. See Note C. | Government.(b) | | Private.(a) Other recorded areas. See Note D. | Government. | | Private.(a) Other recorded areas. See Note E. | Government. | | Private.(a) Other recorded areas. See Note F. |
| | Common-wealth and State. | Brisbane Metrop. Area. | | Common-wealth and State. | Adelaide Metrop. Area. | | Common-wealth and State. | Perth Metrop. Area. | | Common-wealth and State. | Hobart Metrop. Area. | |
| Monthly Average— | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1936-37 .. | n.a. | 153 | 98 | n.a. | 118 | 32 | n.a. | 168 | n.a. | n.a. | 32 | 19 |
| 1937-38 .. | n.a. | 167 | 114 | n.a. | 173 | 48 | n.a. | 174 | n.a. | n.a. | 31 | 18 |
| 1938-39 .. | 34 | 171 | 118 | 22 | 192 | 63 | 38 | 145 | n.a. | 20 | 32 | 16 |
| 1950-51 .. | 357 | 1,106 | 1,061 | 216 | 1,174 | 215 | 270 | 1,027 | 274 | 113 | (d) 322 | (e) 468 |
| 1951-52 .. | 228 | 1,426 | 1,107 | 377 | 1,386 | 265 | 379 | 1,120 | 347 | 84 | 258 | 494 |
| 1952-53 .. | 232 | 1,376 | 1,209 | 226 | 1,525 | 336 | 219 | 1,157 | 320 | 43 | 282 | 333 |
| 1953-54 .. | (f) 303 | 1,299 | 1,404 | 320 | 1,485 | 392 | 314 | 1,749 | 548 | 117 | 380 | 430 |
| 1954-55 .. | 489 | 1,449 | 1,545 | 475 | 2,170 | 463 | 570 | 1,941 | 535 | 162 | (g) 422 | (g) 474 |
| 1955-56 .. | 545 | 1,679 | 1,669 | 959 | 2,403 | 812 | 277 | 1,494 | 413 | 106 | 411 | 536 |
| 1954-55— | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Mar. Qtr. | 502 | 1,614 | 1,715 | 179 | 2,352 | 465 | 1,064 | 1,583 | 388 | 199 | 393 | 487 |
| June .. | 447 | 1,270 | 1,554 | 583 | 2,408 | 530 | 464 | 1,865 | 572 | 124 | 330 | 496 |
| 1955-56— | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sept. .. | 465 | 1,528 | 1,770 | 1,872 | 2,531 | 496 | 292 | 1,959 | 440 | 139 | 441 | 502 |
| Dec. .. | 476 | 1,887 | 1,566 | 704 | 2,324 | 1,300 | 297 | 1,616 | 410 | 93 | 420 | 480 |
| Mar. .. | 559 | 1,364 | 1,370 | 772 | 2,397 | 493 | 359 | 1,233 | 416 | 52 | 441 | 553 |
| June .. | 680 | 1,937 | 1,972 | 487 | 2,362 | 960 | 158 | 1,169 | 386 | 142 | 343 | 608 |
| 1956-57— | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sept. .. | 405 | 1,528 | 1,544 | 417 | 1,878 | 886 | 197 | 1,323 | 467 | 381 | 564 | 544 |
| Dec. .. | 277 | 1,893 | 2,228 | 800 | 1,698 | 644 | 224 | 1,663 | 424 | 230 | 408 | 436 |
| Mar. .. | | 1,200 | 1,467 | | 1,819 | | | | | | 428 | 603 |
| Monthly Total— | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1955-56— | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| June .. | 723 | 1,395 | 3,105 | 624 | 2,846 | n.a. | 203 | 978 | 350 | 203 | 318 | 655 |
| 1956-57— | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| July .. | 477 | 1,505 | 1,749 | 490 | 2,183 | n.a. | 193 | 963 | 498 | 154 | 512 | 457 |
| August .. | 221 | 1,386 | 1,971 | 78 | 1,947 | n.a. | 265 | 1,499 | 454 | 867 | 951 | 576 |
| September .. | 517 | 1,693 | 913 | 682 | 1,503 | n.a. | 133 | 1,507 | 449 | 120 | 231 | 599 |
| October .. | 204 | 2,498 | 1,952 | 1,123 | 1,770 | n.a. | 250 | 2,237 | 495 | 28 | 487 | 619 |
| November .. | 226 | 2,192 | 1,716 | 959 | 1,756 | n.a. | 231 | 1,559 | 452 | 182 | 399 | 362 |
| December .. | 400 | 988 | 3,018 | 319 | 1,567 | n.a. | 192 | 1,194 | 327 | 480 | 338 | 328 |
| January .. | 148 | 1,307 | 1,262 | 772 | 1,371 | n.a. | 423 | 1,287 | 362 | 88 | 296 | 481 |
| February .. | 449 | 1,221 | 1,782 | 472 | 1,708 | n.a. | 240 | 1,373 | 439 | 17 | 520 | 693 |
| March .. | | 1,071 | 1,357 | | 2,379 | n.a. | | | | | 469 | 635 |

(a) Includes buildings erected under government home building schemes where permits obtained from local government authorities.
 (b) Includes Northern Territory. (c) See C below. (d) Previously Hobart city area only. From September quarter, 1946, includes the whole metropolitan area of Hobart. (e) See F below. (f) From June quarter, 1954, includes the approvals of Hospital Boards not previously collected. (g) From July, 1954, the metropolitan area includes some additional areas previously included in "Other Recorded Areas". For details see November, 1956, issue of this publication.

NOTES.

C. Includes the Cities of Bundaberg, Cairns, Charters Towers, Gympie, Ipswich, Mackay, Maryborough, Rockhampton, Toowoomba, Townsville and Warwick, and the Towns of Bowen, Charleville, Dalby, Innisfail, Longreach, Redcliffe, Roma, Southport, and Stanthorpe to June quarter, 1947, thereafter all areas outside Brisbane and suburbs.

D. Includes local government areas, and estimate for unincorporated areas.

E. Includes 86 country local authorities, representing approximately 86 per cent. of provincial population.

F. Launceston only to June quarter, 1946, thereafter all areas outside Hobart and suburbs.

For meaning of symbols n.a., —, see page 1.

VALUE (WHEN COMPLETED) OF NEW BUILDINGS.

(Including Estimated Value of Owner-built Houses.)
(£'000.)

| Period. | Commenced. | | | Completed. | | | Under Construction at end of period. | | |
|---------------------------|------------|--------|---------|------------|--------|----------|--------------------------------------|---------|-----------|
| | Houses. | Other. | Total. | Houses. | Other. | Total. | Houses.(a) | Other. | Total.(a) |
| Quarterly Average— | | | | | | | | | |
| 1949-50 .. | a27,516 | 8,014 | a35,530 | a 22,446 | 5,251 | a 27,697 | 115,714 | 61,119 | 176,833 |
| 1950-51 .. | a40,478 | 14,615 | a55,093 | a 31,243 | 6,258 | a 37,501 | 162,399 | 91,632 | 254,031 |
| 1951-52 .. | 44,951 | 16,224 | 61,175 | 43,187 | 10,876 | 54,063 | 187,239 | 125,534 | 312,773 |
| 1952-53 .. | 39,358 | 13,909 | 53,267 | 47,634 | 18,169 | 65,803 | 166,706 | 115,629 | 282,335 |
| 1953-54 .. | 48,471 | 24,220 | 72,691 | 48,580 | 20,962 | 69,542 | 174,515 | 133,478 | 307,993 |
| 1954-55(b) .. | 52,367 | 33,197 | 85,564 | 54,294 | 24,037 | 78,331 | 175,426 | 171,309 | 346,735 |
| 1955-56 .. | 51,915 | 42,951 | 94,866 | 54,859 | 33,142 | 88,001 | 174,463 | 220,426 | 394,889 |
| Quarterly Total— | | | | | | | | | |
| 1954-55— | | | | | | | | | |
| Dec. Qtr. .. | 51,850 | 26,282 | 78,132 | 57,253 | 23,784 | 81,037 | 175,587 | 146,986 | 322,573 |
| March „ .. | 50,072 | 37,327 | 87,399 | 49,595 | 22,435 | 72,030 | 177,795 | 162,446 | 340,241 |
| June „ .. | 53,751 | 36,470 | 90,221 | 57,804 | 26,469 | 84,273 | 175,426 | 171,309 | 346,735 |
| 1955-56— | | | | | | | | | |
| Sept. „ .. | 56,433 | 44,004 | 100,437 | 54,634 | 29,865 | 84,499 | 179,476 | 189,730 | 369,206 |
| Dec. „ .. | 52,052 | 39,034 | 91,086 | 58,264 | 34,978 | 93,242 | 175,784 | 194,779 | 370,563 |
| March „ .. | 50,720 | 45,243 | 95,963 | 51,115 | 32,277 | 83,392 | 177,170 | 209,904 | 387,074 |
| June „ .. | 48,456 | 43,523 | 91,979 | 55,423 | 35,448 | 90,871 | 174,463 | 220,426 | 394,889 |
| 1956-57— | | | | | | | | | |
| Sept. „ .. | 50,346 | 47,362 | 97,708 | 51,600 | 36,795 | 88,395 | 172,891 | 233,897 | 406,788 |
| Dec. „ .. | 49,867 | 36,077 | 85,944 | 52,809 | 36,681 | 89,490 | 171,905 | 234,454 | 406,359 |

(a) Partly estimated.

(b) From September Quarter 1954, includes Northern Territory.

VALUE OF NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED.

(Including Estimated Value of Owner-built Houses.)
(£'000.)

| Period. | New South Wales. | Victoria. | Queensland. | South Australia. | Western Australia. | Tasmania. | Australian Capital Territory. | Northern Territory. | Total. |
|---------------------------|------------------|-----------|-------------|------------------|--------------------|-----------|-------------------------------|---------------------|-----------|
| Quarterly Average— | | | | | | | | | |
| 1949-50 .. | (a)10,230 | 8,671 | 3,488 | 2,268 | 1,338 | 1,336 | 366 | n.a. | (a)27,697 |
| 1950-51 .. | (a)12,367 | 13,035 | 4,322 | 3,010 | 2,237 | 2,101 | 429 | n.a. | (a)37,501 |
| 1951-52 .. | 19,052 | 17,231 | 6,335 | 4,531 | 3,606 | 2,628 | 680 | n.a. | 54,063 |
| 1952-53 .. | 24,512 | 19,148 | 6,558 | 6,471 | 5,730 | 2,666 | 718 | n.a. | 65,803 |
| 1953-54 .. | 25,386 | 21,312 | 6,478 | 6,527 | 6,446 | 2,423 | 970 | n.a. | 69,542 |
| 1954-55 .. | 27,674 | 24,471 | 7,079 | 6,770 | 8,524 | 2,665 | 735 | 413 | 78,331 |
| 1955-56 .. | 31,035 | 27,733 | 7,630 | 8,429 | 8,419 | 3,199 | 1,072 | 484 | 88,001 |
| Quarterly Total— | | | | | | | | | |
| 1954-55— | | | | | | | | | |
| Dec. Qtr. .. | 29,834 | 24,594 | 7,394 | 7,287 | 8,151 | 2,552 | 902 | 323 | 81,037 |
| March „ .. | 24,403 | 23,106 | 6,620 | 5,935 | 8,334 | 2,730 | 373 | 529 | 72,030 |
| June „ .. | 29,338 | 26,525 | 8,371 | 6,439 | 9,660 | 2,726 | 835 | 379 | 84,273 |
| 1955-56— | | | | | | | | | |
| Sept. „ .. | 30,397 | 24,476 | 7,413 | 7,528 | 9,546 | 3,469 | 1,220 | 450 | 84,499 |
| Dec. „ .. | 33,254 | 29,725 | 8,598 | 8,219 | 9,050 | 2,861 | 964 | 571 | 93,242 |
| Mar. „ .. | 27,387 | 28,933 | 6,503 | 7,941 | 7,574 | 3,535 | 1,102 | 417 | 83,392 |
| June „ .. | 33,100 | 27,798 | 8,005 | 10,029 | 7,508 | 2,933 | 1,001 | 497 | 90,871 |
| 1956-57— | | | | | | | | | |
| Sept. „ .. | 31,805 | 28,954 | 8,553 | 7,901 | 6,485 | 2,930 | 1,073 | 694 | 88,395 |
| Dec. „ .. | 30,197 | 29,111 | 8,406 | 8,958 | 5,954 | 3,030 | 3,091 | 743 | 89,490 |

(a) Partly estimated.

For meaning of symbols n.a., —, see page 1.

NUMBER OF NEW HOUSES.

(Including Owner-built Houses.)

| Period. | New South Wales. | Victoria. | Queensland. | South Australia. | Western Australia. | Tasmania. | Australian Capital Territory. | Northern Territory. | Total. |
|---------------------------|------------------|-----------|-------------|------------------|--------------------|-----------|-------------------------------|---------------------|-----------|
| COMMENCED. | | | | | | | | | |
| Quarterly Average— | | | | | | | | | |
| 1949-50 | (a)5,514 | 4,911 | 2,502 | 1,527 | 1,258 | 916 | 97 | n.a. | (a)16,725 |
| 1950-51 | (a)6,292 | 6,737 | 2,675 | 1,991 | 1,742 | 1,030 | 219 | n.a. | (a)20,686 |
| 1951-52 | 6,091 | 5,877 | 2,999 | 2,128 | 1,932 | 896 | 78 | n.a. | 20,001 |
| 1952-53 | 5,258 | 4,064 | 2,345 | 1,992 | 1,753 | 571 | 132 | n.a. | 16,115 |
| 1953-54 | 7,099 | 5,229 | 2,128 | 1,698 | 1,902 | 666 | 89 | n.a. | 18,811 |
| 1954-55 | 6,375 | 5,668 | 1,946 | 1,797 | 2,144 | 718 | 160 | 62 | 18,870 |
| 1955-56 | 6,109 | 5,314 | 1,793 | 2,094 | 1,584 | 622 | 125 | 85 | 17,726 |
| Quarterly Total— | | | | | | | | | |
| 1954-55—Mar. Qtr. | 5,918 | 5,447 | 1,770 | 1,799 | 1,791 | 796 | 202 | 66 | 17,789 |
| June | 6,255 | 5,593 | 1,935 | 1,993 | 2,035 | 655 | 211 | 85 | 18,762 |
| 1955-56—Sept. " | 6,849 | 5,529 | 1,950 | 2,348 | 1,919 | 586 | 222 | 88 | 19,491 |
| Dec. | 6,281 | 5,230 | 1,790 | 2,121 | 1,715 | 648 | 115 | 70 | 17,970 |
| Mar. | 5,671 | 5,584 | 1,692 | 2,001 | 1,417 | 592 | 111 | 71 | 17,139 |
| June | 5,636 | 4,902 | 1,741 | 1,907 | 1,285 | 664 | 51 | 112 | 16,298 |
| 1956-57—Sept. " | 5,904 | 4,843 | 2,214 | 1,742 | 1,173 | 510 | 100 | 103 | 16,589 |
| Dec. | 5,811 | 4,812 | 2,129 | 1,813 | 1,252 | 610 | 99 | 82 | 16,608 |
| Mar. | | | | | | | | | p16,856 |

COMPLETED.

| | | | | | | | | | |
|---------------------------|----------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-----|------|-----------|
| Quarterly Average— | | | | | | | | | |
| 1949-50 | (a)4,692 | 3,902 | 2,362 | 1,226 | 877 | 713 | 101 | n.a. | (a)13,873 |
| 1950-51 | (a)4,943 | 5,298 | 2,569 | 1,680 | 1,290 | 979 | 144 | n.a. | (a)16,903 |
| 1951-52 | 5,837 | 6,022 | 2,951 | 1,928 | 1,644 | 1,000 | 146 | n.a. | 19,528 |
| 1952-53 | 6,222 | 5,310 | 2,650 | 2,235 | 1,991 | 829 | 147 | n.a. | 19,384 |
| 1953-54 | 6,628 | 5,398 | 2,240 | 1,881 | 1,907 | 658 | 138 | n.a. | 18,850 |
| 1954-55 | 7,221 | 5,960 | 1,981 | 1,831 | 2,198 | 620 | 99 | 50 | 19,960 |
| 1955-56 | 6,593 | 5,663 | 1,849 | 1,930 | 1,940 | 680 | 151 | 78 | 18,884 |
| Quarterly Total— | | | | | | | | | |
| 1954-55—Mar. Qtr. | 6,418 | 5,526 | 1,998 | 1,600 | 1,874 | 558 | 67 | 32 | 18,073 |
| June | 7,489 | 6,090 | 2,093 | 1,779 | 2,608 | 626 | 90 | 80 | 20,855 |
| 1955-56—Sept. " | 7,000 | 5,679 | 1,981 | 1,903 | 1,951 | 579 | 132 | 76 | 19,301 |
| Dec. | 6,506 | 6,341 | 1,923 | 2,000 | 2,339 | 715 | 156 | 80 | 20,060 |
| Mar. | 5,991 | 5,298 | 1,668 | 1,837 | 1,684 | 704 | 149 | 76 | 17,407 |
| June | 6,872 | 5,334 | 1,824 | 1,981 | 1,786 | 723 | 168 | 80 | 18,768 |
| 1956-57—Sept. " | 5,334 | 5,470 | 1,715 | 1,846 | 1,281 | 778 | 175 | 99 | 16,698 |
| Dec. | 5,557 | 5,346 | 1,945 | 2,009 | 1,296 | 780 | 225 | 86 | 17,244 |
| Mar. | | | | | | | | | p15,081 |

UNDER CONSTRUCTION AT END OF PERIOD.(b)

| | | | | | | | | | |
|----------------------|--------|--------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-----|------|---------|
| 1949-50 | 26,402 | 21,553 | 4,520 | 5,241 | 3,957 | 3,357 | 678 | n.a. | 65,708 |
| 1950-51 | 31,793 | 27,308 | 4,943 | 6,529 | 5,764 | 3,558 | 981 | n.a. | 80,876 |
| 1951-52 | 32,806 | 26,726 | 5,135 | 7,395 | 6,917 | 3,143 | 708 | n.a. | 82,830 |
| 1952-53 | 28,946 | 21,675 | 3,918 | 6,464 | 5,951 | 2,114 | 646 | n.a. | 69,714 |
| 1953-54 | 30,828 | 20,995 | 3,470 | 5,750 | 5,932 | 2,149 | 449 | n.a. | 69,573 |
| 1954-55 | 27,448 | 19,827 | 3,329 | 5,602 | 5,715 | 2,536 | 691 | 211 | 65,359 |
| 1955-56 | 25,516 | 18,399 | 3,106 | 6,252 | 4,284 | 2,305 | 585 | 240 | 60,687 |
| 1954-55—Mar. Qtr. .. | 28,682 | 20,324 | 3,487 | 5,393 | 6,288 | 2,507 | 570 | 206 | 67,457 |
| June | 27,448 | 19,827 | 3,329 | 5,602 | 5,715 | 2,536 | 691 | 211 | 65,359 |
| 1955-56—Sept. " .. | 27,297 | 19,677 | 3,298 | 6,047 | 5,676 | 2,543 | 781 | 223 | 65,542 |
| Dec. | 27,072 | 18,566 | 3,165 | 6,165 | 5,052 | 2,476 | 740 | 213 | 63,449 |
| Mar. | 26,752 | 18,844 | 3,189 | 6,329 | 4,785 | 2,364 | 702 | 208 | 63,173 |
| June | 25,516 | 18,399 | 3,106 | 6,252 | 4,284 | 2,305 | 585 | 240 | 60,687 |
| 1956-57—Sept. " .. | 26,086 | 17,772 | 3,605 | 6,145 | 4,176 | 2,037 | 510 | 244 | 60,575 |
| Dec. | 26,340 | 17,238 | 3,789 | 5,944 | 4,132 | 1,867 | 384 | 240 | 59,934 |
| Mar. | | | | | | | | | p61,709 |

(a) Partly estimated. (b) Partly estimated for New South Wales and total.

For meaning of symbols n.a., p., —, see page 1.

PRODUCTION OF COAL, ENERGY AND METALS.

| Period. | Black Coal. | | | Brown Coal. | Gold, (Mine Production). (a) | Heat, Light and Power. | | Metals. | | | | |
|-------------------------|---------------|------------|------------|-------------|------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------------|------------|--------------|--------------------|---|----------------------|
| | Under-ground. | Open Cut. | Total. | | | Gas made in Gas-works. | Total Electricity Generated. | Pig Iron. | Ingot Steel. | Zinc, Refined. (b) | Lead, Refined and Lead in Lead Bullion. (b) | Copper, Refined. (b) |
| | '000 tons. | '000 tons. | '000 tons. | '000 tons. | '000 fine oz. | Million cubic feet. | Million kWh. | '000 tons. | '000 tons. | Tons. | Tons. | Tons. |
| Monthly Average— | | | | | | | | (c) | (c) | | | |
| 1936-37 .. | 976 | 1 | 977 | 258 | 108.2 | 1,679 | 331 | 76.1 | 90.0 | 5,840 | 17,562 | 1,280 |
| 1937-38 .. | 988 | 2 | 990 | 300 | 123.3 | 1,746 | 363 | 77.5 | 97.2 | 5,810 | 18,797 | 1,437 |
| 1938-39 .. | 1,048 | 3 | 1,051 | 267 | 135.1 | 1,789 | 391 | 92.1 | 97.5 | 5,819 | 19,416 | 1,457 |
| 1949-50 .. | 1,038 | 205 | 1,243 | 636 | 71.6 | 2,908 | 792 | 91.5 | 101.5 | 6,981 | 15,784 | 968 |
| 1950-51 .. | 1,127 | 241 | 1,368 | 608 | 74.3 | 3,075 | 875 | 109.4 | 120.3 | 6,478 | 15,682 | 936 |
| 1951-52 .. | 1,243 | 355 | 1,598 | 675 | 75.7 | 3,366 | 941 | 119.2 | 126.8 | 7,011 | 15,680 | 1,485 |
| 1952-53 .. | 1,251 | 294 | 1,545 | 673 | 86.5 | 3,439 | 1,004 | 141.0 | 150.1 | 7,181 | 16,030 | 1,595 |
| 1953-54 .. | 1,362 | 257 | 1,619 | 728 | 92.6 | 3,508 | 1,142 | 152.2 | 176.4 | 8,263 | 19,669 | 1,742 |
| 1954-55 .. | 1,393 | 220 | 1,613 | 806 | 90.0 | 3,622 | 1,264 | 155.7 | 184.1 | 8,372 | 19,613 | 2,533 |
| 1955-56 p .. | 1,403 | 183 | 1,586 | 865 | 86.0 | 3,719 | 1,399 | 159.2 | 194.9 | 8,659 | 18,719 | 2,039 |
| Monthly Total— | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1954-55— | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| March .. | 1,480 | 161 | 1,641 | 828 | 92.7 | 2,321 | 1,300 | 157.4 | 182.2 | 8,197 | 17,303 | 1,468 |
| April .. | 1,295 | 190 | 1,485 | 817 | 77.9 | 3,346 | 1,229 | 138.0 | 158.1 | 7,058 | 21,964 | 1,906 |
| May .. | 1,489 | 223 | 1,712 | 894 | 87.6 | 3,988 | 1,381 | 147.4 | 190.0 | 7,573 | 21,829 | 2,539 |
| June .. | 1,485 | 227 | 1,712 | 861 | 99.7 | 4,184 | 1,425 | 141.8 | 178.6 | 8,156 | 17,938 | 4,002 |
| 1955-56 p— | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| July .. | 1,572 | 207 | 1,779 | 898 | 89.1 | 4,478 | 1,492 | 157.7 | 195.8 | 8,793 | 17,697 | 3,296 |
| August .. | 1,656 | 252 | 1,908 | 926 | 80.6 | 4,269 | 1,471 | 145.3 | 197.7 | 8,994 | 21,218 | 2,786 |
| September .. | 1,578 | 223 | 1,801 | 904 | 87.5 | 3,819 | 1,376 | 136.7 | 189.1 | 8,804 | 20,722 | 2,172 |
| October .. | 1,490 | 191 | 1,681 | 889 | 88.4 | 3,692 | 1,369 | 147.7 | 194.2 | 9,023 | 20,057 | 1,807 |
| November .. | 1,541 | 196 | 1,737 | 869 | 93.5 | 3,493 | 1,358 | 162.1 | 192.2 | 8,872 | 17,310 | 1,814 |
| December .. | 1,225 | 121 | 1,346 | 785 | 97.5 | 3,339 | 1,301 | 166.1 | 192.7 | 9,037 | 15,061 | 1,526 |
| January .. | 747 | 96 | 843 | 813 | 81.6 | 3,201 | 1,263 | 169.3 | 197.5 | 8,685 | 20,991 | 1,372 |
| February .. | 1,298 | 149 | 1,447 | 787 | 77.3 | 3,085 | 1,300 | 163.2 | 192.7 | 8,025 | 17,342 | 1,750 |
| March .. | 1,308 | 171 | 1,479 | 839 | 78.3 | 3,350 | 1,389 | 172.2 | 202.3 | 8,527 | 17,616 | 2,127 |
| April .. | 1,359 | 188 | 1,547 | 838 | 77.5 | 3,506 | 1,356 | 167.3 | 187.6 | 8,373 | 17,158 | 1,723 |
| May .. | 1,566 | 208 | 1,774 | 928 | 87.8 | 4,061 | 1,545 | 180.3 | 218.2 | 8,844 | 17,732 | 2,371 |
| June .. | 1,496 | 195 | 1,691 | 907 | 93.5 | 4,341 | 1,565 | 171.8 | 217.0 | 7,927 | 17,886 | 1,728 |
| 1956-57 p— | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| July .. | 1,642 | 210 | 1,852 | 968 | 93.7 | 4,654 | 1,655 | 179.4 | 230.3 | 9,728 | 24,402 | 2,900 |
| August .. | 1,717 | 213 | 1,930 | 983 | 84.2 | 4,526 | 1,652 | 152.1 | 206.6 | 8,906 | 21,041 | 2,645 |
| September .. | 1,521 | 182 | 1,703 | 930 | 90.7 | 4,078 | 1,500 | 178.4 | 228.6 | 8,785 | 20,831 | 1,970 |
| October .. | 1,721 | 188 | 1,909 | 951 | 86.8 | 3,960 | 1,538 | 158.0 | 226.5 | 9,052 | 21,363 | 1,294 |
| November .. | 1,648 | 196 | 1,844 | 892 | 96.4 | 3,679 | 1,486 | 187.7 | 247.7 | 8,776 | 20,547 | 3,561 |
| December .. | 1,133 | 142 | 1,275 | 723 | 83.2 | 3,421 | 1,394 | 193.4 | 247.0 | 9,134 | 19,838 | 3,047 |
| January .. | 975 | 110 | 1,085 | 833 | 84.3 | 3,279 | 1,410 | 189.9 | 260.4 | 9,077 | 18,732 | 1,366 |
| February .. | 1,475 | 148 | 1,623 | 838 | 80.5 | 3,158 | 1,388 | 170.9 | 237.5 | 8,152 | 17,118 | 3,555 |
| March .. | 1,452 | 156 | 1,608 | 894 | 88.5 | | | 174.4 | 254.5 | 9,030 | 18,024 | 3,498 |

(a) Gold content of minerals produced in Australia. (b) Source: Bureau of Mineral Resources and Australian Mines and Metals Association. (c) Monthly averages for twelve months ended May.

For meaning of symbol p, see page 1.

PRODUCTION OF BUILDING MATERIALS AND HOUSEHOLD APPLIANCES.

| Period. | Building Materials. | | | | | | | Cooking Stoves. | | | Domestic Refrigerators. |
|-------------------------|---------------------|----------------|---------|-------------------------|-------------------------|------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|---------|---------------|-------------------------|
| | Clay Bricks. | Roofing Tiles. | | Cement Building Sheets. | Sawn Native Timber. (a) | Portland Cement. | Fibrous Plaster Sheets. | Solid Fuel. (b) | Gas.(b) | Electric. (c) | |
| | | Terra-cotta. | Cement. | | | | | | | | |
| | Million. | '000. | '000. | '000 sq. yds. (d) | Million sup. ft. | '000 tons. | '000 sq. yds. | No. | No. | No. | No. |
| Monthly Average— | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1936-37 .. | 53.1 | 2,630 | 326 | 522 | 53.6 | 60.0 | 567 | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. |
| 1937-38 .. | 57.4 | 3,023 | 430 | 678 | 62.2 | 71.0 | 619 | 4,562 | 3,481 | 749 | 1,257 |
| 1938-39 .. | 60.0 | 3,307 | 374 | 791 | 59.8 | 72.3 | 634 | 4,538 | 3,894 | 730 | 2,458 |
| 1949-50 .. | 50.3 | 3,785 | 3,387 | 1,529 | 101.9 | 97.3 | 1,105 | 5,155 | 3,892 | 2,865 | 13,528 |
| 1950-51 .. | 57.4 | 3,918 | 4,230 | 1,771 | 105.1 | 102.9 | 1,265 | 6,251 | 4,613 | 3,733 | 16,994 |
| 1951-52 .. | 60.0 | 4,072 | 5,540 | 1,944 | 116.0 | 103.1 | 1,373 | 5,975 | 4,251 | 4,240 | 16,066 |
| 1952-53 .. | 55.6 | 4,831 | 3,338 | 2,022 | 111.6 | 119.9 | 1,285 | 3,994 | 2,978 | 1,883 | 15,179 |
| 1953-54 .. | 66.8 | 5,315 | 3,721 | 2,174 | 116.7 | 141.7 | 1,349 | 4,198 | 3,587 | 3,098 | 22,874 |
| 1954-55 .. | 69.9 | 5,328 | 4,477 | 2,340 | 120.8 | 160.0 | 1,482 | 4,147 | 4,897 | 3,929 | 23,381 |
| 1955-56 p .. | 69.1 | 5,383 | 4,424 | 2,283 | 121.2 | 167.9 | 1,425 | 3,825 | 4,505 | 3,872 | 20,664 |
| Monthly Total— | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1954-55— | | | | | | | | | | | |
| February | 67.5 | 5,482 | 4,409 | 2,357 | 113.9 | 136.6 | 1,525 | 3,671 | 4,639 | 4,227 | 22,165 |
| March .. | 74.4 | 5,481 | 5,040 | 2,326 | 126.8 | 160.3 | 1,640 | 3,881 | 5,336 | 4,750 | 18,363 |
| April .. | 65.3 | 5,173 | 4,228 | 2,130 | 106.3 | 151.9 | 1,435 | 3,427 | 4,635 | 4,053 | 10,191 |
| May .. | 74.4 | 5,555 | 4,543 | 2,193 | 124.8 | 169.3 | 1,574 | 4,078 | 5,390 | 4,485 | 13,218 |
| June .. | 70.5 | 5,559 | 4,662 | 2,361 | 132.0 | 168.2 | 1,519 | 4,138 | 5,205 | 4,259 | 12,707 |
| | | | | | | | (e) | | | | |
| 1955-56 p— | | | | | | | | | | | |
| July .. | 72.5 | 5,401 | 4,707 | 2,811 | 126.7 | 164.5 | 1,489 | 4,342 | 6,514 | 4,828 | 13,329 |
| August .. | 79.3 | 6,137 | 4,932 | 2,318 | 132.4 | 170.3 | 1,625 | 5,116 | 7,662 | 4,589 | 19,848 |
| September .. | 76.1 | 5,751 | 5,014 | 2,254 | 139.6 | 173.0 | 1,556 | 4,496 | 6,283 | 4,070 | 26,195 |
| October .. | 75.3 | 6,148 | 4,795 | 2,622 | 127.4 | 175.3 | 1,522 | 3,877 | 5,542 | 3,848 | 33,207 |
| November | 77.9 | 6,101 | 4,971 | 2,476 | 134.9 | 190.9 | 1,610 | 3,978 | 5,370 | 4,302 | 34,814 |
| December | 60.0 | 4,545 | 3,936 | 2,014 | 135.9 | 155.4 | 1,166 | 2,878 | 3,452 | 3,121 | 27,670 |
| January .. | 52.3 | 3,801 | 3,339 | 1,340 | 91.9 | 135.4 | 1,034 | 2,479 | 3,017 | 2,842 | 19,604 |
| February | 66.8 | 5,445 | 4,390 | 2,236 | 111.7 | 152.4 | 1,473 | 3,790 | 3,962 | 4,183 | 18,611 |
| March .. | 66.8 | 5,113 | 4,486 | 2,176 | 105.3 | 171.4 | 1,392 | 3,294 | 3,307 | 3,576 | 17,196 |
| April .. | 65.1 | 5,039 | 4,130 | 2,299 | 96.6 | 168.6 | 1,348 | 3,272 | 3,111 | 3,165 | 11,515 |
| May .. | 71.5 | 5,921 | 4,441 | 2,485 | 126.8 | 181.8 | 1,520 | 4,195 | 2,896 | 4,173 | 12,938 |
| June .. | 65.2 | 5,196 | 3,953 | 2,364 | 125.1 | 175.5 | 1,364 | 4,182 | 2,938 | 3,771 | 13,044 |
| 1956-57 p— | | | | | | | | | | | |
| July .. | 70.1 | 5,184 | 3,979 | 1,990 | r116.9 | 179.6 | 1,381 | 4,126 | 5,543 | 4,494 | r14,416 |
| August .. | r72.2 | 5,431 | 4,119 | 2,046 | r125.4 | 197.5 | 1,415 | 4,415 | 6,113 | 4,922 | r15,919 |
| September | 66.2 | 5,102 | r3,898 | 2,137 | r125.3 | 176.8 | 1,298 | 3,622 | 5,112 | 4,383 | r19,280 |
| October .. | 74.5 | 5,521 | 4,344 | 2,113 | r139.5 | 203.6 | 1,407 | r4,667 | 5,661 | r5,399 | r26,467 |
| November | 70.8 | 4,959 | r3,725 | 2,015 | r141.5 | 191.6 | r1,391 | 3,625 | 4,776 | 5,476 | r23,727 |
| December | r51.6 | 3,847 | r2,718 | 1,870 | r115.8 | 167.1 | r1,014 | 2,915 | 3,270 | 4,042 | r18,918 |
| January .. | 50.3 | 3,356 | r2,884 | 1,294 | 89.2 | 151.8 | r1,014 | r2,799 | 2,670 | 2,622 | r16,138 |
| February | 65.6 | 4,626 | 3,913 | 1,995 | | 171.2 | r1,309 | 2,825 | 3,631 | 3,510 | 13,007 |
| March .. | 69.7 | 4,712 | 3,980 | 2,362 | | 199.9 | 1,327 | 3,721 | 3,802 | 4,231 | 12,957 |

(a) Includes sawn sleepers. (b) Household, commercial and industrial cooking stoves to 1947-48—thereafter household cooking stoves only. (c) Household, commercial and industrial cooking stoves, ranges, stovettes, and cookers to 1944-45—thereafter household cooking stoves only. (d) In terms of '000 standard square yards to 1944-45, thereafter in terms of '000 selling square yards. A standard square yard contains a given volume of sheet; a selling square yard represents the area covered by the finished sheet regardless of its thickness or corrugation. (e) From July, 1955, represents total production in all establishments and includes small quantities not previously recorded in some States.

For meaning of symbols n.a., p, r, —, see page 1.

PRODUCTION OF TEXTILES AND CLOTHING.

| Period. | Cotton Textiles. | | | Wool Textiles. | | | Boots and Shoes (not Rubber). |
|-------------------------|------------------|---|---------------------|------------------------------|-------------|------------------|-------------------------------|
| | Cotton Yarn. | Cotton Woven Textiles (excl. Towels and Towelling). | Pure Rayon Fabrics. | Scoured and Carbonized Wool. | Yarn. | Woven Cloth. | |
| | '000 lb. | '000 sq. yds. | '000 sq. yds. | Million lb. | Million lb. | Million sq. yds. | '000 pairs. |
| Monthly Average— | | | | | | | |
| 1936-37 | 730 | n.a. | n.a. | 8.4 | 2.14 | 2.04 | 1,208 |
| 1937-38 | 965 | n.a. | n.a. | 7.9 | 2.51 | 2.47 | 1,176 |
| 1938-39 | 974 | n.a. | n.a. | 8.8 | 2.71 | 2.65 | 1,164 |
| 1949-50 | 2,519 | 2,398 | 549 | 14.4 | 4.09 | 3.11 | 1,284 |
| 1950-51 | 2,938 | 2,537 | 905 | 12.7 | 3.87 | 3.16 | 1,409 |
| 1951-52 | 2,872 | 2,617 | 905 | 10.1 | 3.04 | 2.42 | 1,400 |
| 1952-53 | 2,302 | 2,052 | 1,289 | 10.3 | 2.97 | 2.39 | 1,374 |
| 1953-54 | 3,175 | 2,678 | 1,686 | 11.4 | 3.83 | 2.73 | 1,548 |
| 1954-55 | 3,458 | 2,753 | 1,259 | 11.3 | 3.56 | 2.38 | 1,492 |
| 1955-56 p | 3,360 | 3,139 | 1,311 | 12.0 | 3.66 | 2.06 | 1,497 |
| Monthly Total— | | | | | | | |
| 1954-55 — | | | | | | | |
| February | 3,425 | 2,618 | 1,186 | 10.7 | 3.44 | 2.47 | 1,431 |
| March | 3,935 | 2,976 | 1,303 | 12.6 | 3.97 | 2.63 | 1,656 |
| April | 2,911 | 2,429 | 1,255 | 10.4 | 3.15 | 2.02 | 1,398 |
| May | 3,481 | 2,958 | 1,560 | 12.4 | 3.69 | 2.34 | 1,638 |
| June | 3,732 | 3,048 | 1,375 | 13.3 | 3.98 | 2.37 | 1,677 |
| 1955-56 p— | | | | | | | |
| July | 3,404 | 3,000 | 1,260 | 12.2 | 3.45 | 2.05 | 1,471 |
| August | 3,824 | 3,271 | 1,304 | 11.5 | 3.86 | 2.45 | 1,761 |
| September | 3,575 | 3,136 | 1,156 | 10.0 | 3.75 | 2.33 | 1,618 |
| October | 3,441 | 3,071 | 1,161 | 11.7 | 3.58 | 2.23 | 1,531 |
| November | 3,847 | 3,127 | 1,348 | 13.0 | 4.00 | 2.50 | 1,621 |
| December | 2,521 | 2,214 | 1,031 | 11.1 | 2.83 | 1.69 | 1,164 |
| January | 2,414 | 2,494 | 1,005 | 9.1 | 2.39 | 1.63 | 957 |
| February | 3,644 | 3,282 | 1,476 | 12.1 | 3.97 | 2.57 | 1,502 |
| March | 3,301 | 3,222 | 1,351 | 12.6 | 4.04 | 2.41 | 1,577 |
| April | 3,189 | 3,321 | 1,526 | 11.6 | 3.54 | 2.12 | 1,456 |
| May | 3,730 | 3,945 | 1,500 | 14.2 | 4.47 | 2.63 | 1,740 |
| June | 3,424 | 3,579 | 1,516 | 14.8 | 4.08 | 2.32 | 1,560 |
| 1956-57 p— | | | | | | | |
| July | 3,653 | 3,933 | rl,628 | rl3.4 | 3.81 | 2.53 | rl,670 |
| August | 3,982 | 4,184 | rl,537 | 13.3 | 4.28 | 2.80 | rl,820 |
| September | 3,521 | 3,870 | rl,575 | rl1.9 | 4.01 | 2.70 | rl,666 |
| October | 4,029 | 4,314 | rl,713 | rl3.2 | 4.55 | 3.20 | rl,893 |
| November | 3,570 | 3,948 | rl,765 | rl3.8 | 4.19 | 2.92 | rl,723 |
| December | 2,554 | 2,875 | rl,252 | rl1.9 | 3.02 | 2.03 | rl,213 |
| January | 2,939 | 3,152 | rl,761 | rl1.9 | r2.97 | 2.20 | 1,093 |
| February | 3,571 | 4,014 | 2,017 | 14.5 | 4.33 | 2.92 | 1,549 |
| March | 3,598 | 3,851 | 2,444 | 14.6 | 4.32 | 2.96 | 1,658 |

For meaning of symbols n.a., p, r, see page 1.

PRODUCTION OF TEXTILES AND CLOTHING—continued.

| Period. | Hosiery. | | | | Underwear.(a) | | Shirts, Men's and Boys'. |
|-------------------------|---------------------|--|---------------------|---|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| | Men's. (b) | Women's. Full Fash. and Circular. (c) | Children's. | Anklets (All Types) and Infants' and Babies' Wear. | Men's, Youths' and Boys'. | Women's, Maids' and Girls'. | |
| | '000 doz. pairs. | '000 doz. pairs. | '000 doz. pairs. | '000 doz. pairs. | '000 doz. | '000 doz. | '000 doz. |
| Monthly Average— | | | | | | | |
| 1936-37 | 83.1 | 157.1 | (d)49.1 | (e) | 191.8 | | (f)60.6 |
| 1937-38 | 86.7 | 183.7 | (d)52.0 | (e) | 227.6 | | (f)69.9 |
| 1938-39 | 91.9 | 178.0 | (d)51.0 | (e) | 229.2 | | (f)56.2 |
| 1949-50 | 99.3 | 142.4 | (d)54.7 | (e) | 294.2 | | (f)73.7 |
| 1950-51 | 128.0 | 123.1 | (d)78.6 | (e) | 107.7 | 201.9 | 89.5 |
| 1951-52 | 121.8 | 128.7 | (g) | 65.3 | 105.6 | 196.6 | 96.5 |
| 1952-53 | 131.2 | 156.4 | | 73.6 | 93.6 | 173.7 | 73.4 |
| 1953-54 | 157.9 | 179.1 | | 101.2 | 120.8 | 224.4 | 103.3 |
| 1954-55 | 138.7 | 201.8 | | 93.9 | 119.6 | 235.4 | 117.5 |
| 1955-56 p .. | 129.4 | 189.6 | | 88.3 | 129.8 | 233.0 | 109.3 |
| Monthly Total— | | | | | | | |
| 1954-55— | | | | | | | |
| February .. | 127.3 | 198.5 | (g) | 83.2 | 118.0 | 227.3 | 89.8 |
| March .. | 156.0 | 220.3 | | 94.3 | 135.5 | 245.2 | 102.7 |
| April .. | 108.7 | 186.8 | | 84.1 | 108.3 | 191.7 | 78.3 |
| May .. | 128.2 | 203.7 | | 96.4 | 124.9 | 235.2 | 100.1 |
| June .. | 141.8 | 200.3 | | 87.8 | 124.4 | 224.4 | 111.0 |
| 1955-56 p— | | | | | | | |
| July .. | 130.3 | 183.6 | (g) | 86.0 | 128.0 | 235.3 | 124.7 |
| August .. | 143.3 | 189.8 | | 99.8 | 153.7 | 248.1 | 150.0 |
| September .. | 128.9 | 205.7 | | 96.8 | 136.0 | 241.7 | 142.8 |
| October .. | 132.2 | 195.3 | | 96.4 | 140.5 | 257.3 | 133.5 |
| November .. | 152.3 | 213.9 | | 103.9 | 158.5 | 289.4 | 143.9 |
| December .. | 104.0 | 159.5 | | 73.1 | 102.8 | 200.7 | 106.1 |
| January .. | 87.2 | 112.4 | | 59.9 | 77.6 | 147.7 | 44.9 |
| February .. | 137.8 | 191.7 | | 91.6 | 141.3 | 246.8 | 85.5 |
| March .. | 129.9 | 199.9 | | 92.7 | 138.6 | 234.1 | 84.3 |
| April .. | 121.3 | 179.5 | | 80.5 | 120.9 | 214.1 | 81.9 |
| May .. | 150.5 | 216.0 | | 94.2 | 146.6 | 254.0 | 108.5 |
| June .. | 135.1 | 228.0 | | 85.1 | 113.4 | 226.8 | 105.6 |
| 1956-57 p— | | | | (h) | | | |
| July .. | 114.4 | 249.1 | 73.0 | 11.7 | 143.3 | 258.1 | 128.6 |
| August .. | 138.9 | 269.6 | 71.2 | 11.2 | 143.3 | 269.3 | 146.5 |
| September .. | 133.4 | 246.3 | 67.3 | 10.5 | 143.0 | 240.8 | 139.2 |
| October .. | 158.2 | 278.5 | 71.8 | 11.9 | 171.2 | 297.5 | 165.9 |
| November .. | 134.9 | 262.7 | 66.5 | 9.0 | 156.2 | 281.0 | 145.7 |
| December .. | 91.6 | 191.8 | 51.4 | 7.5 | 116.9 | 221.4 | 101.3 |
| January .. | 78.9 | 179.1 | 40.7 | 5.3 | 101.2 | 172.5 | 59.2 |
| February .. | 117.2 | 247.5 | 65.5 | 8.1 | 146.2 | 261.2 | 100.6 |
| March .. | 123.8 | 252.3 | 65.4 | 7.5 | 141.9 | 247.0 | 96.0 |

(a) Total made including that knitted or made of knitted or woven fabric. (b) Includes Boys' prior to July, 1956.
(c) Includes Maids' and Girls' stockings and all anklets subsequent to June, 1956. (d) Includes Infants' and Babies'. (e) Included with Children's. (f) Excludes knitted. (g) Included with Men's and Women's. (h) Infants' (sizes 0 to 3) only.

For meaning of symbols p, —, see page 1.

PRODUCTION OF FOOD AND DRINK.

| Period. | Wheaten Flour. | Refined Sugar. | Whole Milk for All Purposes. | Dairy Products (Factory Production). | | | Meat (Bone-in Weight).(a) | | | | | Beer. |
|-------------------------|------------------|----------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------|------------|------------|--------------------------|------------|------------|
| | | | | Butter. | Cheese. | Processed Full Cream Milk Products. | Beef (including Veal). | Mutton. | Lamb. | Total Pigmear (as Pork). | Total. (b) | |
| | '000 short tons. | '000 tons. | Million gals. | Tons. | Tons. | '000 gals.(c) | '000 tons. | '000 tons. | '000 tons. | '000 tons. | '000 tons. | '000 gals. |
| Monthly Average— | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1936-37 | 102.4 | 27.0 | 89.9 | 13,908 | 1,636 | n.a. | 45.9 | 16.0 | 10.0 | 7.7 | 79.6 | 6,261 |
| 1937-38 | 104.2 | 28.9 | 96.4 | 15,242 | 2,018 | n.a. | 49.7 | 17.2 | 9.9 | 7.2 | 84.0 | 7,084 |
| 1938-39 | 114.4 | 28.2 | 99.2 | 16,232 | 2,415 | 2,781 | 46.6 | 17.1 | 9.6 | 7.2 | 80.5 | 7,523 |
| 1949-50 | 125.8 | 35.2 | 103.2 | 14,037 | 3,731 | 7,464 | 50.5 | 17.2 | 12.7 | 7.5 | 87.9 | 13,009 |
| 1950-51 | 141.3 | 37.6 | 99.8 | 13,303 | 3,692 | 7,069 | 54.3 | 13.5 | 9.4 | 7.1 | 84.3 | 14,397 |
| 1951-52 | 143.4 | 41.1 | 87.3 | 10,931 | 3,382 | 6,360 | 48.5 | 14.7 | 8.9 | 7.1 | 79.2 | 15,398 |
| 1952-53 | 143.9 | 36.7 | 101.3 | 13,632 | 3,883 | 6,951 | 56.2 | 20.8 | 12.2 | 6.9 | 96.1 | 16,446 |
| 1953-54 | 134.1 | 37.4 | 99.1 | 13,010 | 4,087 | 6,314 | 58.7 | 19.8 | 10.6 | 7.0 | 96.1 | 17,380 |
| 1954-55 | 129.4 | 40.1 | 110.5 | 15,667 | 3,765 | 5,364 | 59.5 | 19.4 | 12.2 | 8.1 | 99.2 | 18,473 |
| 1955-56p | 127.8 | 41.0 | 117.1 | 17,153 | 3,223 | 6,053 | 62.5 | 19.3 | 12.0 | 7.8 | 101.6 | 19,420 |
| Monthly Total— | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1954-55— | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Feb. .. | 135.8 | 37.0 | 111.8 | 16,598 | 2,729 | 4,959 | 49.1 | 21.1 | 8.9 | 7.4 | 86.5 | 19,749 |
| Mar. .. | 152.8 | 37.9 | 112.1 | 16,658 | 2,454 | 4,286 | 58.0 | 21.5 | 9.2 | 8.4 | 97.1 | 20,870 |
| Apr. .. | 129.7 | p33.5 | 88.8 | 12,358 | 1,816 | 3,014 | 52.7 | 17.7 | 8.4 | 8.0 | 86.8 | 18,231 |
| May .. | 144.0 | p40.4 | 74.3 | 9,435 | 1,589 | 2,581 | 62.1 | 18.1 | 8.6 | 8.2 | 97.0 | 16,681 |
| June .. | 121.9 | p36.2 | 65.5 | 7,627 | 1,662 | 2,416 | 73.5 | 18.3 | 8.7 | 7.9 | 108.4 | 15,751 |
| 1955-56p— | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| July .. | 125.2 | 37.5 | 71.8 | 8,479 | 2,174 | 3,255 | 68.0 | 16.1 | 7.7 | 6.7 | 98.5 | 16,038 |
| Aug. .. | 119.4 | 40.9 | 98.1 | 13,280 | 3,166 | 5,256 | 70.3 | 17.1 | 8.7 | 7.7 | 103.8 | 18,289 |
| Sept. .. | 114.4 | 42.9 | 125.2 | 18,203 | 4,380 | 7,343 | 71.1 | 19.3 | 13.6 | 7.5 | 111.5 | 20,164 |
| Oct. .. | 129.7 | 44.9 | 158.1 | 24,318 | 5,363 | 8,969 | 67.5 | 21.1 | 22.6 | 7.3 | 118.5 | 21,947 |
| Nov. .. | 138.8 | 44.3 | 166.8 | 26,173 | 5,253 | 9,588 | 67.0 | 22.9 | 21.5 | 9.2 | 120.6 | 23,259 |
| Dec. .. | 135.6 | 40.3 | 160.2 | 25,284 | 4,575 | 8,675 | 60.5 | 23.4 | 17.3 | 10.8 | 112.0 | 23,958 |
| Jan. .. | 119.9 | 42.4 | 151.1 | 23,925 | 3,690 | 7,815 | 50.0 | 21.7 | 10.2 | 6.6 | 88.5 | 20,498 |
| Feb. .. | 108.6 | 40.5 | 128.0 | 20,041 | 2,515 | 5,797 | 52.2 | 20.3 | 9.1 | 7.0 | 88.6 | 21,120 |
| Mar. .. | 128.1 | 41.6 | 109.3 | 15,890 | 2,317 | 5,226 | 53.5 | 18.4 | 9.2 | 7.6 | 88.7 | 20,943 |
| Apr. .. | 131.3 | 37.6 | 90.0 | 12,332 | 1,859 | 3,934 | 52.8 | 17.3 | 8.1 | 7.3 | 85.5 | 16,966 |
| May .. | 147.6 | 43.3 | 77.7 | 9,846 | 1,668 | 3,578 | 64.8 | 16.8 | 8.2 | 7.8 | 97.6 | 15,605 |
| June .. | 135.3 | 36.2 | 68.9 | 8,069 | 1,719 | 3,195 | 72.2 | 16.5 | 8.1 | 7.2 | 104.0 | 14,257 |
| 1956-57p— | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| July .. | 137.9 | 38.4 | r76.7 | 9,229 | 2,352 | 3,561 | 69.7 | 16.1 | 8.1 | 6.8 | 100.7 | 15,417 |
| Aug. .. | 145.8 | 39.1 | 102.0 | 13,758 | 3,561 | 5,374 | 69.8 | 16.3 | 9.4 | 6.9 | 102.4 | 17,004 |
| Sept. .. | 147.9 | 41.3 | 123.1 | 17,277 | 4,973 | 7,447 | 65.5 | 16.9 | 11.3 | 6.3 | 100.0 | 17,495 |
| Oct. .. | 144.1 | 44.4 | r161.6 | 24,187 | 6,514 | 9,742 | 64.5 | 17.9 | 14.8 | 7.8 | 105.0 | 22,129 |
| Nov. .. | 146.3 | 42.8 | 162.3 | 24,412 | 6,372 | r9,879 | 66.4 | 18.9 | 15.6 | 8.8 | 109.7 | 22,160 |
| Dec. .. | 141.7 | 40.5 | 158.8 | 24,071 | 5,747 | 9,093 | 57.9 | 17.9 | 16.2 | 10.3 | 102.3 | 23,555 |
| Jan. .. | 140.0 | 35.7 | 146.0 | 22,152 | 4,530 | 7,982 | 54.2 | 19.0 | 11.8 | 6.2 | 91.2 | 21,089 |
| Feb. .. | 135.0 | 37.5 | 113.2 | 16,324 | 3,053 | 6,251 | 58.3 | 19.4 | 9.9 | 6.6 | 94.2 | 18,215 |

(a) Includes monthly estimates of production in Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory.

(b) In terms of fresh meat.

(c) Whole milk equivalent.

For meaning of symbols n.a., p, r, see page 1.

PRODUCTION OF MISCELLANEOUS PRODUCTS.

| Period. | Tobacco, Cigars and Cigarettes. (a) | Chemicals and Allied Products. | | | | | | Motor Bodies. | | | Pneumatic Tyres— Motor Cycle, Car, Truck, Aero, &c. |
|-------------------------|--|--------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|--|--------------------------|------------------------------|------------|-------|---|
| | | Sulphuric Acid (100%). | Super- phosphate. | Paints. | | | Sedans and Coupes. | Tourers and Roadsters. | Utilities. | | |
| | | | | Ready- Mixed Paint. | Lacquers, Nitro- Cellulose. | Enamels, Natural and Synthetic. | | | | | |
| | '000 lb. | '000 tons. | '000 tons. | '000 gals. | '000 gals. | '000 gals. | No. | No. | No. | '000. | |
| Monthly Average— | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1936-37 | 1,805 | 36.4 | 90.9 | 161 | n.a. | n.a. | 3,660 | 478 | 610 | n.a. | |
| 1937-38 | 1,904 | 41.3 | 102.8 | 170 | 60 | 39 | 4,032 | 804 | 518 | n.a. | |
| 1938-39 | 1,939 | 40.8 | 100.0 | 176 | 48 | 48 | 3,426 | 816 | 715 | n.a. | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1949-50 | 2,558 | 51.0 | 123.6 | 330 | 78 | 186 | 2,347 | 333 | 1,174 | 164 | |
| 1950-51 | 2,652 | 53.3 | 129.0 | 466 | 96 | 157 | 3,036 | 387 | 1,853 | 187 | |
| 1951-52 | 2,795 | 54.2 | 133.1 | 459 | 99 | 174 | 3,486 | 390 | 1,865 | 213 | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1952-53 | 3,029 | 52.3 | 131.7 | 358 | 84 | 176 | 4,133 | | 1,745 | 141 | |
| 1953-54 | 3,487 | 61.0 | 147.6 | 432 | 109 | 225 | 5,514 | | 2,088 | 241 | |
| 1954-55 | 3,706 | 69.6 | 163.4 | 508 | 123 | 304 | 6,002 | | 2,245 | 293 | |
| 1955-56 p .. | 3,806 | 74.6 | 177.2 | 548 | 125 | 343 | 6,563 | | 2,027 | 300 | |
| Monthly Total— | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1954-55— | | | | | | | | | | | |
| February | 3,882 | 65.4 | 154.7 | 552 | 124 | 271 | 5,931 | | 2,062 | 288 | |
| March | 4,016 | 80.3 | 203.2 | 621 | 140 | 334 | 7,135 | | 2,467 | 325 | |
| April | 3,442 | 75.2 | 172.5 | 536 | 115 | 282 | 5,710 | | 1,897 | 279 | |
| May | 4,115 | 77.0 | 177.9 | 589 | 135 | 313 | 6,799 | | 2,311 | 327 | |
| June | 3,768 | 78.7 | 195.1 | 502 | 129 | 331 | 7,157 | | 1,995 | 325 | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1955-56 p— | | | | | | | | | | | |
| July | 3,692 | 65.0 | 146.3 | 466 | 112 | 288 | 6,799 | | 2,062 | 320 | |
| August | 3,992 | 64.5 | 149.6 | 557 | 137 | 365 | 7,703 | | 2,344 | 350 | |
| September .. | 3,795 | 78.7 | 181.9 | 592 | 131 | 385 | 7,351 | | 2,391 | 336 | |
| October | 3,748 | 75.7 | 168.1 | 571 | 135 | 412 | 6,790 | | 2,156 | 309 | |
| November .. | 4,090 | 80.1 | 198.3 | 642 | 142 | 397 | 7,563 | | 2,478 | 332 | |
| December .. | 3,752 | 80.4 | 179.1 | 505 | 109 | 335 | 5,773 | | 1,885 | 245 | |
| January | 3,474 | 76.1 | 189.2 | 422 | 93 | 273 | 4,355 | | 1,238 | 204 | |
| February .. | 3,851 | 80.6 | 211.5 | 521 | 129 | 308 | 6,826 | | 2,201 | 296 | |
| March | 3,978 | 78.1 | 187.8 | 592 | 131 | 330 | 7,047 | | 2,016 | 282 | |
| April | 3,810 | 76.7 | 176.4 | 562 | 123 | 311 | 5,943 | | 1,780 | 280 | |
| May | 3,844 | 72.4 | 178.0 | 643 | 137 | 389 | 7,152 | | 2,023 | 339 | |
| June | 3,649 | 66.7 | 159.6 | 474 | 117 | 326 | 5,448 | | 1,694 | 301 | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1956-57 p— | | | | | | | | | | | |
| July | 3,848 | 58.3 | 114.4 | 489 | 117 | 321 | 5,585 | | 1,881 | 325 | |
| August | 3,988 | 65.7 | 150.9 | 500 | 122 | 378 | 6,860 | | 1,685 | 325 | |
| September .. | 3,843 | 66.9 | 119.3 | 522 | 113 | 340 | 5,756 | | 1,631 | 284 | |
| October | 4,408 | 69.1 | 161.6 | 617 | 127 | 424 | 6,854 | | 2,069 | 304 | |
| November .. | 4,305 | 63.3 | 128.8 | 624 | 123 | 425 | 7,214 | | 2,061 | 311 | |
| December .. | 3,811 | 60.5 | 127.1 | 549 | 97 | 348 | 5,344 | | 871 | 211 | |
| January | 4,071 | 66.8 | 167.8 | 439 | 101 | 306 | 5,043 | | 966 | 205 | |
| February .. | 4,147 | 82.1 | 200.8 | 586 | 127 | 358 | 6,693 | | 2,391 | 292 | |
| March | 4,074 | 88.8 | 199.5 | 603 | 146 | 370 | 7,971 | | 2,005 | 274 | |

(a) Details for 1954-55 and earlier periods refer to Australian factory production; 1955-56 and later figures to quantity on which excise duty was paid.

For meaning of symbols n.a., p, see page 1.

INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION INDEXES : VARIOUS COUNTRIES.

Unless otherwise stated, the indexes shown below include mining, manufacturing, electricity and manufactured gas, but exclude construction. When the indexes are adjusted for differences in the number of working days per month or for seasonal variations they are footnoted accordingly.

Source : *Monthly Bulletin of Statistics* of the Statistical Office of the United Nations.

(Base : 1953 = 100.)

| Period. | Belgium. (a) | Canada. (b) | Denmark. (b) | France. (b) | Italy. | Japan. | Nether- lands. | Norway. (b) | Sweden. (b) | United King- dom. (c) | U.S.A. (b) (d) |
|-------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------|--------|--------|-------------------|----------------|----------------|--------------------------------|-------------------|
| 1950 .. | 89 | 85 | 98 | 87 | 79 | 55 | 87 | 87 | 97 | 94 | 84 |
| 1951 .. | 102 | 91 | 100 | 99 | 90 | 74 | 91 | 94 | 101 | 97 | 90 |
| 1952 .. | 100 | 94 | 96 | 103 | 91 | 82 | 91 | 95 | 99 | 94 | 93 |
| 1953 .. | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| 1954 .. | 106 | 98 | 109 | 109 | 109 | 108 | 110 | 109 | 104 | 107 | 93 |
| 1955 .. | 116 | 107 | 112 | 121 | 118 | 117 | 118 | 117 | 111 | 113 | 104 |
| 1956 .. | 122 | 115 | 111 | r133 | 128 | 141 | 124 | 122 | 113 | 113 | 107 |
| 1955— | | | | | | | | | | | |
| January .. | 112 | 96 | 110 | 118 | 109 | 99 | 107 | 110 | 111 | 112 | 99 |
| February .. | 113 | 100 | 115 | 120 | 107 | 105 | 104 | 129 | 113 | 116 | 101 |
| March .. | 113 | 101 | 116 | 123 | 122 | 115 | 123 | 124 | 114 | 118 | 103 |
| April .. | 116 | 104 | 113 | 121 | 114 | 112 | 114 | 104 | 119 | 111 | 103 |
| May .. | 115 | 108 | 114 | 123 | 123 | 113 | 115 | 109 | 116 | 116 | 103 |
| June .. | 119 | 111 | 112 | 125 | 118 | 115 | 126 | 119 | 116 | 113 | 104 |
| July .. | 100 | 106 | 76 | 113 | 124 | 117 | 116 | 78 | 61 | 101 | 97 |
| August .. | 112 | 109 | 114 | 94 | 103 | 118 | 116 | 108 | 106 | 98 | 104 |
| September.. | 120 | 113 | 120 | 119 | 125 | 121 | 123 | 121 | 116 | 116 | 106 |
| October .. | 119 | 114 | 118 | 123 | 126 | 120 | 125 | 124 | 117 | 121 | 110 |
| November.. | 124 | 114 | 119 | 131 | 121 | 122 | 126 | 127 | 122 | 121 | 108 |
| December.. | 128 | 106 | 110 | 127 | 122 | 128 | 124 | 117 | 116 | 114 | 106 |
| 1956— | | | | | | | | | | | |
| January .. | 122 | 104 | 110 | 130 | 120 | 117 | 117 | 126 | 114 | 115 | 107 |
| February .. | 113 | 107 | 113 | 128 | 115 | 123 | 111 | 143 | 113 | 117 | 107 |
| March .. | 124 | 112 | 109 | 133 | 130 | 129 | 128 | 118 | 119 | 117 | 107 |
| April .. | 127 | 112 | 102 | 137 | 123 | 136 | 119 | 120 | 119 | 113 | 107 |
| May .. | 129 | 114 | 113 | 142 | 133 | 137 | 129 | 112 | 120 | 112 | 105 |
| June .. | 126 | 120 | 114 | 139 | 131 | 139 | 130 | 128 | 117 | 117 | 105 |
| July .. | 109 | 115 | 75 | 131 | 135 | 141 | 120 | 80 | 61 | 105 | 96 |
| August .. | 116 | 116 | 115 | 94 | 110 | 142 | 121 | 122 | 110 | 93 | 106 |
| September.. | r123 | 120 | 121 | 133 | 133 | 144 | 123 | 132 | 120 | 116 | 109 |
| October .. | 127 | 121 | 124 | 138 | 141 | 145 | 136 | 133 | 124 | 117 | r113 |
| November.. | r129 | 120 | 125 | 143 | 133 | 150 | 134 | 135 | 124 | 121 | 110 |
| December .. | 122 | 113 | 116 | 138 | 128 | 155 | 117 | 121 | 122 | 110 | 107 |
| 1957— | | | | | | | | | | | |
| January .. | 122 | 110 | 118 | | 130 | 141 | 127 | 127 | 118 | 113 | 108 |
| February .. | | | 122 | | | 144 | 119 | 144 | 122 | | 110 |

(a) Adjusted for seasonal variations and for number of working days.
(c) Partially adjusted for number of working days. Includes construction.

(b) Adjusted for number of working days.
(d) Excludes electricity and manufactured gas.

For meaning of symbol r, see page 1.

MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS.

(Excluding Defence Service vehicles. Prior to January, 1956, Department of the Navy vehicles were included.)

| Period. | Motor Vehicles on Register at end of period. | | | New Motor Vehicles Registered during period. | | |
|--------------------------|--|------------------------------|---------------|--|-------------------------------|---------------|
| | Motor Cars.(a) | Commercial Vehicles, etc.(a) | Motor Cycles. | Motor Cars. (a) | Commercial Vehicles, etc..(a) | Motor Cycles. |
| | '000. | '000. | '000. | | | |
| Monthly Averages. | | | | | | |
| 1946-47(b) | 550 | 376 | 87 | 1,770 | (c)1,360 | 685 |
| 1947-48(b) | 592 | 412 | 100 | 3,562 | (c)2,397 | 1,192 |
| 1948-49(b) | 655 | 450 | 117 | 5,539 | (c)3,056 | 1,852 |
| 1949-50(b) | 768 | 499 | 134 | 9,584 | (c)4,829 | 2,232 |
| 1950-51(b) | 882 | 548 | 145 | 10,671 | 6,461 | 2,263 |
| 1951-52(b) | 1,031 | 581 | 154 | 10,480 | 6,085 | 1,846 |
| 1952-53(b) | 1,108 | 579 | 148 | 7,773 | 4,337 | 941 |
| 1953-54 | 1,200 | 607 | 140 | 10,466 | 4,783 | 905 |
| 1954-55 | 1,347 | 650 | 133 | 13,900 | 5,598 | 941 |
| 1955-56 | 1,472 | 679 | 126 | 13,633 | 5,776 | 878 |
| Monthly Totals. | | | | | | |
| 1954-55— | | | | (d) | (d) | (d) |
| March | 1,306 | 639 | 135 | 15,791 | 5,851 | 1,117 |
| April | 1,317 | 640 | 134 | 13,539 | 4,867 | 912 |
| May | 1,335 | 647 | 134 | 16,176 | 6,184 | 1,034 |
| June | 1,347 | 650 | 133 | 16,525 | 6,192 | 787 |
| 1955-56— | | | | | | |
| July | 1,356 | 652 | 132 | 15,195 | 6,009 | 789 |
| August | 1,370 | 655 | 131 | 16,843 | 6,191 | 890 |
| September | 1,383 | 656 | 130 | 15,991 | 6,563 | 936 |
| October | 1,392 | 657 | 130 | 15,010 | 6,564 | 910 |
| November | 1,409 | 663 | 130 | 14,897 | 5,994 | 1,007 |
| December | 1,420 | 666 | 129 | 14,413 | 5,850 | 1,004 |
| January | 1,428 | 660 | 128 | 9,887 | 4,563 | 866 |
| February | 1,440 | 670 | 128 | 12,343 | 5,325 | 881 |
| March | 1,452 | 674 | 128 | 14,202 | 5,631 | 978 |
| April | 1,456 | 674 | 127 | 10,999 | 5,037 | 749 |
| May | 1,464 | 677 | 126 | 12,213 | 6,182 | 887 |
| June | 1,472 | 679 | 126 | 11,738 | 5,280 | 633 |
| 1956-57— | | | | | | |
| July | 1,478 | 681 | 125 | 11,778 | 5,436 | 644 |
| August | 1,489 | 685 | 125 | 13,653 | 5,225 | 800 |
| September | 1,494 | 683 | 124 | 11,506 | 4,547 | 662 |
| October | 1,509 | 689 | 124 | 13,429 | 5,499 | 875 |
| November | 1,520 | 693 | 124 | 14,058 | 5,632 | 867 |
| December | 1,527 | 694 | 124 | 12,030 | 4,389 | 782 |
| January | 1,536 | 695 | 123 | r10,898 | r3,858 | r842 |
| February | 1,545 | 697 | 122 | p11,950 | p3,300 | p910 |
| March p | | | | 12,000 | 4,700 | 900 |

(a) Registration in Victoria is according to purpose of use and not type of vehicle ; consequently motor car registrations are overstated by the inclusion of commercial vehicles, registered for private use. Prior to 12th November, 1951, primary producers' private cars registered in Victoria were included in commercial vehicle registrations. (b) Excludes Northern Territory. (c) Includes taxis and hire cars in Victoria. (d) Includes some new registrations effected in preceding months but not passed into central registration records until subsequent months.

For meaning of symbols p, r, see page 1.

GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS : OPERATIONS AND REVENUE.

| Period. | Revenue Train-Miles. | Goods and Livestock.(a) | | Passenger Journeys. | Revenue. | |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|----------|--------|
| | | Tons Carried. | Net Ton- miles.(b) | | Gross. | Net. |
| | '000. | '000. | Million. | '000. | £'000. | £'000. |
| Monthly Average— | | | | | | |
| 1946-47 | 7,129 | 3,161 | 467.1 | 41,931 | 5,533 | 455 |
| 1947-48 | 7,310 | 3,345 | 494.5 | 42,564 | 6,450 | 511 |
| 1948-49 | 7,690 | 3,428 | 517.7 | 42,225 | 7,165 | 85 |
| 1949-50 | 7,785 | 3,362 | 516.9 | 42,054 | 7,683 | -205 |
| 1950-51 | 7,390 | 3,392 | 523.1 | 39,674 | 8,804 | -594 |
| 1951-52 | 7,780 | 3,672 | 562.9 | 41,707 | 11,626 | -721 |
| 1952-53 | 7,394 | 3,644 | 547.8 | 41,468 | 12,903 | -560 |
| 1953-54 | 7,789 | 3,880 | 579.4 | 42,557 | 14,155 | 140 |
| 1954-55 | 7,911 | 3,951 | 608.0 | 43,071 | 14,498 | 124 |
| 1955-56 | 8,020 | 3,875 | 606.1 | 42,895 | 14,765 | -645 |
| Monthly Total— | | | | | | |
| 1954-55— | | | | | (c) | (c) |
| November | 8,176 | 4,343 | 681.4 | 44,244 | 15,856 | 1,228 |
| December | 8,045 | 4,143 | 616.9 | 41,120 | 15,786 | 1,179 |
| January | 7,476 | 3,339 | 531.2 | 40,885 | 13,082 | -40 |
| February | 7,253 | 3,503 | 539.9 | 44,395 | 12,947 | -460 |
| March | 7,606 | 3,910 | 563.5 | 42,811 | 13,725 | -292 |
| April | 7,759 | 3,537 | 575.3 | 41,878 | 13,704 | -761 |
| May | 8,141 | 4,011 | 633.9 | 46,449 | 14,762 | -860 |
| June | 8,083 | 3,827 | 597.2 | 42,791 | 14,134 | -2,073 |
| 1955-56— | | | | | | |
| July | 8,126 | 4,091 | 630.9 | 43,104 | 14,194 | 112 |
| August | 8,342 | 4,317 | 636.2 | 44,990 | 15,396 | -195 |
| September | 8,200 | 4,207 | 636.2 | 43,198 | 15,490 | 947 |
| October | 8,220 | 4,094 | 628.7 | 45,489 | 15,236 | 218 |
| November | 7,984 | 4,215 | 636.5 | 40,916 | 15,512 | -49 |
| December | 8,002 | 3,734 | 574.4 | 39,862 | 14,254 | -1,203 |
| January | 7,765 | 3,186 | 522.6 | 42,273 | 13,552 | -668 |
| February | 7,284 | 3,468 | 560.8 | 42,929 | 13,521 | -941 |
| March | 8,047 | 3,622 | 603.4 | 42,160 | 14,790 | -478 |
| April | 7,732 | 3,685 | 576.2 | 44,257 | 14,151 | -759 |
| May | 8,453 | 4,067 | 649.4 | 43,329 | 15,547 | -2,527 |
| June | 8,080 | 3,810 | 618.3 | 42,232 | 15,541 | -2,361 |
| 1956-57 p— | | | | | | |
| July | 8,147 | 4,184 | 634.1 | 44,061 | 15,230 | -330 |
| August | 8,531 | 4,369 | 658.8 | 39,928 | 16,809 | 579 |
| September | 8,061 | 4,061 | 633.4 | 41,695 | 16,097 | 1,286 |
| October | 8,537 | 4,476 | 670.5 | 44,995 | 17,500 | 969 |
| November | 8,131 | 4,219 | 641.2 | 40,735 | 16,714 | -246 |

(a) Excludes South Brisbane-Border section of Uniform Gauge Railway. (b) From 1948-49 figures are partly estimated.
(c) Calculated from monthly returns of revenue and expenditure and not strictly comparable with annual figures above as monthly details exclude certain items of revenue and expenditure which are only allocated on an annual basis.

NOTE.—Minus sign (—) denotes loss.

For meaning of symbols p, —, see page 1.

SHIPPING CARGOES.

'000 TONS WEIGHT.

(Excluding all cargo shipped by ton measurement.)(a).

| Period. | Oversea Cargo. | | Interstate Cargo Shipped from— | | | | | | |
|-------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------|-------------|------------------|--------------------|-----------|----------------|
| | Shipped from Australian Ports. | Discharged at Australian Ports. | New South Wales. | Victoria. | Queensland. | South Australia. | Western Australia. | Tasmania. | Australia. (b) |
| Monthly Average— | | | | | | | | | |
| 1946-47.. | 258 | 348 | 260 | 48 | 34 | 217 | 10 | 35 | 605 |
| 1947-48.. | 378 | 415 | 270 | 46 | 34 | 200 | 7 | 34 | 592 |
| 1948-49.. | 452 | 487 | 257 | 41 | 32 | 152 | 5 | 32 | 519 |
| 1949-50.. | 422 | 641 | 233 | 37 | 30 | 198 | 5 | 32 | 535 |
| 1950-51.. | 450 | 757 | 232 | 37 | 36 | 222 | 5 | 28 | 560 |
| 1951-52.. | 374 | 810 | 280 | 37 | 45 | 238 | 11 | 29 | 641 |
| 1952-53.. | 504 | 644 | 285 | 34 | 53 | 247 | 52 | 33 | 704 |
| 1953-54.. | 479 | 711 | 307 | 39 | 36 | 287 | 54 | 35 | 758 |
| 1954-55.. | 507 | 916 | 302 | 74 | 43 | 318 | 73 | 41 | 851 |
| 1955-56.. | 555 | 1,036 | 293 | 99 | 47 | 350 | 137 | 43 | 969 |
| Monthly Total— | | | | | | | | | |
| 1954-55— | | | | | | | | | |
| February .. | 466 | 935 | 269 | 78 | 54 | 318 | 24 | 55 | 798 |
| March .. | 640 | 1,015 | 302 | 48 | 19 | 327 | 99 | 39 | 835 |
| April .. | 506 | 1,073 | 306 | 68 | 51 | 290 | 67 | 35 | 818 |
| May .. | 486 | 1,058 | 335 | 77 | 28 | 352 | 115 | 42 | 949 |
| June .. | 483 | 1,073 | 369 | 107 | 13 | 309 | 114 | 43 | 955 |
| 1955-56— | | | | | | | | | |
| July .. | 462 | 857 | 400 | 106 | 82 | 363 | 116 | 51 | 1,118 |
| August .. | 496 | 1,056 | 329 | 119 | 65 | 340 | 142 | 43 | 1,039 |
| September .. | 454 | 981 | 311 | 99 | 70 | 360 | 179 | 48 | 1,068 |
| October .. | 460 | 971 | 305 | 97 | 62 | 340 | 117 | 34 | 956 |
| November .. | 513 | 1,085 | 284 | 124 | 48 | 329 | 143 | 42 | 971 |
| December .. | 560 | 1,117 | 250 | 110 | 61 | 290 | 164 | 26 | 901 |
| January(c) .. | 464 | 942 | 192 | 89 | 29 | 371 | 174 | 35 | 890 |
| February(c) .. | 369 | 898 | 177 | 90 | 21 | 295 | 105 | 19 | 708 |
| March .. | 722 | 1,133 | 286 | 69 | 43 | 374 | 113 | 55 | 940 |
| April .. | 683 | 1,007 | 301 | 103 | 14 | 356 | 109 | 50 | 933 |
| May .. | 821 | 1,300 | 366 | 95 | 27 | 392 | 133 | 57 | 1,071 |
| June .. | 663 | 1,082 | 319 | 91 | 37 | 387 | 148 | 55 | 1,037 |
| 1956-57 p— | | | | | | | | | |
| July .. | 686 | 968 | 314 | 62 | 60 | 342 | 99 | 34 | 911 |
| August .. | 715 | 1,080 | 376 | 91 | 50 | 369 | 120 | 42 | 1,049 |
| September .. | 786 | 965 | 326 | 72 | 55 | 410 | 137 | 40 | 1,040 |
| October .. | 769 | 1,127 | 316 | 117 | 68 | 408 | 107 | 31 | 1,049 |
| November .. | 794 | 1,110 | 331 | 107 | 86 | 431 | 116 | 37 | 1,110 |
| December .. | 714 | 963 | 265 | 132 | 79 | 375 | 107 | 30 | 988 |
| January .. | 796 | 1,119 | 257 | 82 | 65 | 370 | 123 | 30 | 929 |
| February .. | 751 | 954 | 246 | 135 | 60 | 357 | 69 | 25 | 892 |

(a) Additional to figures for Tons Measurement on page 46.

(b) Includes Northern Territory.

(c) Affected by industrial dispute.

For meaning of symbol p, see page 1.

SHIPPING CARGOES.

'000 TONS OF 40 CUBIC FEET MEASUREMENT
(Excluding all cargo shipped by ton weight.)(a)

| Period. | Oversea Cargo. | | Interstate Cargo Shipped from— | | | | | | |
|-------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------|-------------|------------------|--------------------|-----------|----------------|
| | Shipped from Australian Ports. | Discharged at Australian Ports. | New South Wales. | Victoria. | Queensland. | South Australia. | Western Australia. | Tasmania. | Australia. (b) |
| Monthly Average— | | | | | | | | | |
| 1946-47.. .. | 113 | 116 | 23 | 24 | 12 | 17 | 7 | 22 | 106 |
| 1947-48.. .. | 104 | 160 | 29 | 18 | 12 | 16 | 6 | 24 | 105 |
| 1948-49.. .. | 114 | 214 | 29 | 20 | 10 | 15 | 6 | 18 | 98 |
| 1949-50.. .. | 116 | 298 | 25 | 21 | 11 | 17 | 7 | 20 | 101 |
| 1950-51.. .. | 108 | 333 | 27 | 20 | 10 | 20 | 6 | 27 | 110 |
| 1951-52.. .. | 103 | 391 | 32 | 25 | 9 | 17 | 6 | 21 | 110 |
| 1952-53.. .. | 121 | 161 | 31 | 22 | 8 | 17 | 9 | 19 | 106 |
| 1953-54.. .. | 113 | 234 | 36 | 35 | 10 | 19 | 8 | 20 | 128 |
| 1954-55.. .. | 118 | 284 | 34 | 35 | 10 | 16 | 8 | 20 | 123 |
| 1955-56.. .. | 129 | 285 | 24 | 31 | 9 | 12 | 8 | 27 | 111 |
| Monthly Total— | | | | | | | | | |
| 1954-55— | | | | | | | | | |
| February .. | 78 | 259 | 31 | 34 | 11 | 11 | 8 | 13 | 108 |
| March .. | 141 | 330 | 33 | 42 | 10 | 17 | 6 | 21 | 129 |
| April .. | 130 | 267 | 32 | 31 | 9 | 15 | 9 | 28 | 124 |
| May .. | 206 | 310 | 28 | 38 | 9 | 14 | 10 | 21 | 120 |
| June .. | 145 | 302 | 36 | 38 | 9 | 17 | 13 | 21 | 134 |
| 1955-56— | | | | | | | | | |
| July .. | 127 | 315 | 31 | 50 | 10 | 17 | 6 | 33 | 148 |
| August .. | 130 | 324 | 24 | 32 | 13 | 16 | 9 | 32 | 126 |
| September .. | 123 | 289 | 34 | 36 | 17 | 16 | 12 | 37 | 152 |
| October .. | 133 | 325 | 24 | 38 | 11 | 14 | 6 | 23 | 116 |
| November .. | 112 | 322 | 27 | 39 | 18 | 16 | 12 | 30 | 142 |
| December .. | 112 | 316 | 22 | 32 | 3 | 14 | 8 | 18 | 97 |
| January(c) .. | 65 | 213 | 15 | 20 | 4 | 5 | 3 | 17 | 64 |
| February(c) .. | 43 | 269 | 12 | 9 | 4 | 4 | 7 | 30 | 66 |
| March .. | 157 | 289 | 26 | 27 | 5 | 17 | 11 | 16 | 102 |
| April .. | 185 | 268 | 24 | 27 | 9 | 8 | 6 | 26 | 100 |
| May .. | 197 | 256 | 28 | 28 | 9 | 6 | 13 | 36 | 120 |
| June .. | 162 | 235 | 19 | 33 | 8 | 9 | 8 | 22 | 99 |
| 1956-57 p— | | | | | | | | | |
| July .. | 78 | 277 | 14 | 20 | 9 | 8 | 11 | 25 | 87 |
| August .. | 125 | 329 | 29 | 28 | 8 | 6 | 5 | 28 | 104 |
| September .. | 101 | 214 | 19 | 34 | 8 | 10 | 5 | 42 | 118 |
| October .. | 107 | 220 | 23 | 34 | 8 | 7 | 12 | 34 | 118 |
| November .. | 110 | 243 | 22 | 39 | 8 | 8 | 7 | 28 | 112 |
| December .. | 98 | 204 | 17 | 24 | 5 | 8 | 4 | 24 | 82 |
| January .. | 82 | 249 | 13 | 29 | 5 | 3 | 9 | 30 | 91 |
| February .. | 82 | 156 | 17 | 26 | 10 | 8 | 6 | 37 | 104 |

(a) Additional to figures for Tons Weight on page 45.
dispute.

(b) Includes Northern Territory.

(c) Affected by industrial

For meaning of symbol p, see page 1.

POST OFFICE ACTIVITY.

| Period. | Receipts of P.M.G.'s Department.(a) | Broadcast Listeners' Licences in force at end of period. | Telephone Services connected at end of period. | |
|-------------------|--|--|---|--------------|
| | | | Lines. | Instruments. |
| | £'000. | '000. | '000. | '000. |
| | Monthly Average. | | | |
| 1946-47 | 2,484 | 1,771 | 648 | 905 |
| 1947-48 | 2,616 | 1,833 | 688 | 963 |
| 1948-49 | 2,776 | 1,919 | 734 | 1,028 |
| 1949-50 | 3,196 | 2,030 | 793 | 1,110 |
| 1950-51 | 3,732 | (b)2,110 | 864 | 1,209 |
| 1951-52 | 4,948 | 1,961 | 927 | 1,301 |
| 1952-53 | 5,367 | 1,986 | 985 | 1,384 |
| 1953-54 | 5,650 | 2,042 | 1,050 | 1,476 |
| 1954-55 | 6,069 | 2,035 | 1,127 | 1,587 |
| 1955-56 | 6,612 | 2,089 | 1,207 | 1,704 |
| | Monthly Total. | | | |
| 1954-55— | | | | |
| March | 6,672 | 2,031 | 1,107 | 1,558 |
| April | 5,769 | 2,028 | 1,113 | 1,566 |
| May | 6,231 | 2,039 | 1,120 | 1,576 |
| June | 6,637 | 2,035 | 1,127 | 1,587 |
| 1955-56— | | | | |
| July | 5,921 | 2,036 | 1,135 | 1,598 |
| August | 6,509 | 2,045 | 1,143 | 1,610 |
| September | 6,493 | 2,051 | 1,151 | 1,622 |
| October | 6,766 | 2,051 | 1,159 | 1,634 |
| November | 6,437 | 2,050 | 1,166 | 1,643 |
| December | 7,141 | 2,055 | 1,173 | 1,653 |
| January | 6,097 | 2,065 | 1,179 | 1,662 |
| February | 6,285 | 2,069 | 1,185 | 1,671 |
| March | 6,803 | 2,068 | 1,190 | 1,679 |
| April | 6,116 | 2,075 | 1,195 | 1,685 |
| May | 7,352 | 2,081 | 1,201 | 1,695 |
| June | 7,422 | 2,089 | 1,207 | 1,704 |
| 1956-57— | | | | |
| July | 6,743 | 2,095 | 1,213 | 1,714 |
| August | 6,716 | 2,101 | 1,220 | 1,724 |
| September | 6,455 | 2,099 | 1,226 | 1,734 |
| October | 8,110 | 2,108 | 1,233 | 1,743 |
| November | 7,225 | 2,101 | 1,239 | 1,753 |
| December | 7,611 | 2,092 | 1,245 | 1,762 |
| January | 7,073 | 2,101 | 1,250 | 1,771 |
| February | 7,312 | 2,102 | 1,255 | 1,777 |
| March | 8,020 | 2,111 | | |

(a) Actual collections.
of one are included.

(b) During the period July, 1942, to December, 1951, supplementary licences for receivers in excess

For meaning of symbol ———, see page 1.

PRIVATE TRADING BANKS.(a)
LIABILITIES AND ASSETS WITHIN AUSTRALIA.
 (£ million.)

| Period. | Deposits.(b) | | | Advances. | Government and Municipal Securities. (c) | Special Accounts with Commonwealth Bank. | Coin, Bullion, Notes and Cash with Commonwealth Bank. | Treasury Bills. |
|----------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|---------|-----------|--|--|---|-----------------|
| | Bearing Interest. | Not Bearing Interest. | Total. | | | | | |
| Average of Weekly Figures— | | | | | | | | |
| 1936-37.. .. | 184.7 | 112.9 | 297.6 | 262.5 | 15.0 | .. | 34.2 | 24.5 |
| 1937-38.. .. | 194.8 | 120.0 | 314.8 | 274.4 | 21.4 | .. | 37.1 | 20.7 |
| 1938-39.. .. | 198.8 | 118.9 | 317.7 | 288.1 | 20.5 | .. | 33.6 | 21.5 |
| | | | | | | | | |
| 1949-50.. .. | 224.5 | 685.6 | 910.1 | (d) 403.9 | 83.8 | 377.0 | 52.0 | 26.5 |
| 1950-51.. .. | 247.7 | 896.5 | 1,144.2 | 479.3 | 90.2 | 500.3 | 59.3 | 36.9 |
| 1951-52.. .. | 238.2 | 963.5 | 1,201.7 | 621.4 | 68.4 | 466.0 | 60.6 | 32.4 |
| 1952-53.. .. | 218.7 | 943.7 | 1,162.4 | 638.1 | 86.5 | 211.7 | 74.7 | 123.1 |
| 1953-54.. .. | 239.8 | 1,035.7 | 1,275.5 | 658.5 | 130.3 | 285.2 | 71.2 | 99.4 |
| 1954-55 (e) .. | 263.0 | 1,047.7 | 1,310.7 | 776.8 | 121.9 | 269.1 | 66.9 | 51.6 |
| 1955-56.. .. | 263.1 | 1,032.3 | 1,295.4 | 804.4 | 114.0 | 238.8 | 66.9 | 50.0 |
| 1954-55— | | | | | | | | |
| March (e) .. | 267.2 | 1,097.1 | 1,364.3 | 775.9 | 132.5 | 259.6 | 65.8 | 95.5 |
| April | 262.6 | 1,082.7 | 1,345.3 | 795.8 | 130.4 | 259.6 | 59.2 | 65.9 |
| May | 268.8 | 1,059.9 | 1,328.7 | 811.4 | 126.0 | 259.6 | 59.6 | 48.6 |
| June | 267.2 | 1,040.0 | 1,307.2 | 817.7 | 124.6 | 245.8 | 65.4 | 27.8 |
| 1955-56— | | | | | | | | |
| July | 267.9 | 1,012.9 | 1,280.8 | 829.9 | 113.9 | 238.8 | 69.2 | 18.8 |
| August | 264.3 | 999.9 | 1,264.2 | 820.4 | 110.4 | 231.9 | 67.0 | 22.0 |
| September .. | 260.9 | 996.8 | 1,257.7 | 823.1 | 106.2 | 231.9 | 65.4 | 23.6 |
| October | 264.0 | 1,013.1 | 1,277.1 | 831.4 | 106.8 | 231.9 | 64.1 | 27.5 |
| November .. | 261.8 | 1,034.0 | 1,295.8 | 823.3 | 110.3 | 231.9 | 65.1 | 31.9 |
| December (f) .. | 259.3 | 1,062.2 | 1,321.5 | 814.5 | 110.4 | 231.9 | 71.4 | 45.0 |
| January | 261.3 | 1,070.5 | 1,331.8 | 784.2 | 113.4 | 231.9 | 76.4 | 92.8 |
| February | 259.7 | 1,072.2 | 1,331.9 | 773.7 | 117.2 | 247.4 | 66.9 | 111.6 |
| March | 259.4 | 1,075.0 | 1,334.4 | 776.2 | 119.0 | 263.9 | 65.7 | 91.6 |
| April | 262.8 | 1,058.7 | 1,321.5 | 786.8 | 119.0 | 257.3 | 60.5 | 62.1 |
| May | 265.9 | 1,011.9 | 1,277.8 | 798.4 | 119.0 | 238.7 | 66.8 | 41.5 |
| June | 269.2 | 991.2 | 1,260.4 | 793.9 | 120.9 | 227.7 | 65.7 | 28.9 |
| 1956-57— | | | | | | | | |
| July | 275.5 | 967.9 | 1,243.4 | 797.7 | 115.5 | 223.4 | 64.9 | 29.6 |
| August | 278.6 | 955.8 | 1,234.4 | 787.0 | 116.3 | 223.4 | 68.5 | 28.9 |
| September .. | 284.1 | 964.4 | 1,248.5 | 778.5 | 119.9 | 223.4 | 71.4 | 37.4 |
| October | 287.6 | 993.9 | 1,281.5 | 780.2 | 124.6 | 225.9 | 64.3 | 51.9 |
| November .. | 293.4 | 1,018.0 | 1,311.4 | 771.2 | 136.3 | 235.9 | 64.6 | 54.1 |
| December (f) .. | 299.2 | 1,041.4 | 1,340.6 | 762.2 | 151.0 | 235.9 | 65.9 | 62.5 |
| January | 305.6 | 1,056.9 | 1,362.5 | 744.9 | 167.5 | 237.7 | 73.1 | 83.3 |
| February | 310.1 | 1,080.8 | 1,390.9 | 732.5 | 182.9 | 261.8 | 66.2 | 88.6 |
| March | 312.9 | 1,103.4 | 1,416.3 | 725.5 | 189.2 | 282.7 | 60.2 | 92.4 |

(a) Previously Nine Trading Banks. Now includes Australia and New Zealand Bank Ltd., The Bank of Adelaide, The Bank of New South Wales, The Commercial Bank of Australia Ltd., The Commercial Banking Company of Sydney Ltd., The English, Scottish and Australian Bank Ltd., The National Bank of Australasia Ltd., The Queensland National Bank Ltd. (in vol. liq.) and from March, 1955, The Ballarat Banking Co. Ltd. (in vol. liq.). Averages of liabilities and assets on Mondays in period until December, 1946; thereafter averages of liabilities and assets on Wednesdays.

(b) Excludes inscribed stock. (c) Excludes Treasury Bills. (d) Figures are not strictly comparable with earlier periods owing to changes in classification of some minor assets and liabilities. (e) The Ballarat Banking Co. Ltd. (in. vol. liq.) included from March, 1955. (f) Banks were exempted from furnishing a return for fourth Wednesday.

• For meaning of symbols . . . , r, —, see page 1.

PRIVATE TRADING BANKS(a)—continued.

RATIOS OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES TO TOTAL DEPOSITS (b) WITHIN AUSTRALIA.

(Per Cent.)

| Period. | | | Percentages of Various Categories of Assets to Total Deposits. | | | | | Percentage Non-interest bearing to Total Deposits. |
|-----------------------------------|----|----|--|------------------------|-----------|---|--|--|
| | | | Cash in Australia. | Cash + Treasury Bills. | Advances. | Advances + Government and Municipal Securities in Australia.(c) | Special Accounts with Commonwealth Bank. | |
| Average of Weekly Figures— | | | | | | | | |
| 1936-37 | .. | .. | 11.49 | 19.73 | 88.20 | 93.26 | .. | 37.93 |
| 1937-38 | .. | .. | 11.79 | 18.37 | 87.15 | 93.95 | .. | 38.13 |
| 1938-39 | .. | .. | 10.58 | 17.36 | 90.70 | 97.15 | .. | 37.42 |
| 1949-50 | .. | .. | 5.71 | 8.62 | (d) 44.35 | (d) 53.55 | 41.40 | 75.28 |
| 1950-51 | .. | .. | 5.19 | 8.41 | 41.89 | 49.69 | 43.73 | 78.35 |
| 1951-52 | .. | .. | 5.04 | 7.74 | 51.71 | 57.40 | 38.78 | 80.18 |
| 1952-53 | .. | .. | 6.43 | 17.02 | 54.89 | 62.33 | 18.21 | 81.19 |
| 1953-54 | .. | .. | 5.59 | 13.38 | 51.63 | 61.85 | 22.36 | 81.20 |
| 1954-55(e) | .. | .. | 5.10 | 9.04 | 59.26 | 68.56 | 20.53 | 79.93 |
| 1955-56 | .. | .. | 5.16 | 9.02 | 62.09 | 70.89 | r18.43 | 79.69 |
| 1954-55— | | | | | | | | |
| March(e) | .. | .. | 4.82 | 11.82 | 56.87 | 66.59 | 19.03 | 80.42 |
| April | .. | .. | 4.40 | 9.30 | 59.15 | 68.84 | 19.30 | 80.48 |
| May | .. | .. | 4.49 | 8.15 | 61.07 | 70.56 | 19.54 | 79.77 |
| June | .. | .. | 5.01 | 7.14 | 62.55 | 72.08 | 18.80 | 79.56 |
| 1955-56— | | | | | | | | |
| July .. | .. | .. | 5.41 | 6.87 | 64.80 | 73.69 | 18.65 | 79.08 |
| August | .. | .. | 5.30 | 7.04 | 64.89 | 73.62 | 18.34 | 79.09 |
| September | .. | .. | 5.20 | 7.07 | 65.45 | 73.89 | 18.44 | 79.26 |
| October | .. | .. | 5.02 | 7.17 | 65.10 | 73.47 | 18.16 | 79.33 |
| November | .. | .. | 5.03 | 7.49 | 63.53 | 72.05 | 17.90 | 79.79 |
| December(f) | .. | .. | 5.40 | 8.81 | 61.63 | 69.98 | 17.55 | 80.38 |
| January | .. | .. | 5.74 | 12.71 | 58.89 | 67.40 | 17.41 | 80.38 |
| February | .. | .. | 5.02 | 13.40 | 58.09 | 66.89 | 18.58 | 80.50 |
| March | .. | .. | 4.92 | 11.79 | 58.17 | 67.09 | 19.78 | 80.56 |
| April | .. | .. | 4.58 | 9.28 | 59.53 | 68.54 | 19.47 | 80.12 |
| May | .. | .. | 5.23 | 8.47 | 62.48 | 71.79 | 18.68 | 79.19 |
| June.. | .. | .. | 5.21 | 7.50 | 62.98 | 72.57 | 18.06 | 78.64 |
| 1956-57— | | | | | | | | |
| July .. | .. | .. | 5.22 | 7.60 | 64.16 | 73.45 | 17.97 | 77.84 |
| August | .. | .. | 5.55 | 7.89 | 63.76 | 73.18 | 18.10 | 77.43 |
| September | .. | .. | 5.72 | 8.72 | 62.36 | 71.96 | 17.89 | 77.24 |
| October | .. | .. | 5.02 | 9.07 | 60.88 | 70.60 | 17.63 | 77.55 |
| November | .. | .. | 4.87 | 9.00 | 58.81 | 69.20 | 17.99 | 77.63 |
| December(f) | .. | .. | 4.91 | 9.57 | 56.86 | 68.12 | 17.60 | 77.68 |
| January | .. | .. | 5.36 | 11.47 | 54.67 | 66.96 | 17.44 | 77.57 |
| February | .. | .. | 4.76 | 11.13 | 52.66 | 65.81 | 18.82 | 77.70 |
| March | .. | .. | 4.25 | 10.78 | 51.22 | 64.58 | 19.96 | 77.91 |

(a) See footnote (a) on previous page.

(b) Deposits exclude inscribed deposit stock.

(c) Excludes Treasury Bills.

(d) Figures are not strictly comparable with earlier periods owing to changes in classification of some minor assets and liabilities.

(e) The Ballarat Banking Co. Ltd. (in vol. liq.) included from March, 1955.

(f) Banks were exempted from furnishing a return for fourth Wednesday.

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COMMONWEALTH TRADING BANK OF AUSTRALIA(a),
and
COMMONWEALTH BANK OF AUSTRALIA
(RURAL CREDITS, MORTGAGE BANK AND INDUSTRIAL FINANCE DEPARTMENTS).
(£ million.)

| Period. | Commonwealth Trading Bank.(a)(b) | | | | | | | | Commonwealth Bank—Advances.(b) | | | |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------|----------------|---|---|--------------------|---|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------|
| | Deposits. | | | Ad- vances. | Special Account with Common- wealth Bank. (c) | Coin. Bullion, Notes and Cash with Common- wealth Bank. | Treasury Bills. | Other Australian Government and Municipal Securities. | Rural Credits Department. | Mortgage Bank Department. | Industrial Finance Department. | |
| | Bearing Interest. | Not Bearing Interest. | Total. | | | | | | | | Hire Purchase. | Other. |
| Average of Weekly Figures— | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1949-50 .. | 14.8 | 62.5 | 77.3 | 45.3 | .. | 6.2 | 2.0 | 35.4 | 13.8 | 3.5 | 12.8 | 6.3 |
| 1950-51 .. | 19.4 | 89.2 | 108.6 | 62.5 | .. | 7.2 | 24.0 | 26.9 | 13.7 | 3.8 | 14.7 | 7.6 |
| 1951-52 .. | 20.1 | 90.6 | 110.7 | 76.4 | .. | 6.6 | 26.4 | 13.3 | 19.7 | 4.1 | 15.5 | 8.7 |
| 1952-53 .. | 22.8 | 96.7 | 119.5 | (d)59.5 | 21.7 | 8.8 | (c)17.2 | (d)25.8 | 44.9 | 4.3 | 14.8 | 8.1 |
| 1953-54 .. | 35.3 | 120.9 | 156.2 | 69.2 | 34.8 | 11.0 | 23.4 | 29.9 | 43.2 | 4.5 | 16.6 | 4.7 |
| 1954-55 .. | 43.6 | 130.9 | 174.5 | 89.1 | 36.1 | 10.5 | 12.3 | 38.2 | 62.3 | 4.8 | 17.0 | 6.7 |
| 1955-56 .. | 46.3 | 135.6 | 181.9 | 103.9 | 33.2 | 10.2 | 6.3 | 38.6 | 73.8 | 5.1 | 16.6 | 9.0 |
| 1954-55— | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| March .. | 44.2 | 136.2 | 180.4 | 90.9 | 35.0 | 11.4 | 15.3 | 39.3 | 85.9 | 5.0 | 16.9 | 6.5 |
| April .. | 45.5 | 136.4 | 181.9 | 94.0 | 35.0 | 9.2 | 14.6 | 39.6 | 81.7 | 5.0 | 16.7 | 7.4 |
| May .. | 45.5 | 135.9 | 181.4 | 97.8 | 35.0 | 10.4 | 12.0 | 39.6 | 74.4 | 5.0 | 16.7 | 8.2 |
| June .. | 46.2 | 134.9 | 181.1 | 98.5 | 33.8 | 11.6 | 8.9 | 39.7 | 64.2 | 4.9 | 16.8 | 8.3 |
| 1955-56— | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| July .. | 48.1 | 131.3 | 179.4 | 103.1 | 33.2 | 10.2 | 5.0 | 40.0 | 57.1 | 5.1 | 16.8 | 8.4 |
| August .. | 48.6 | 131.2 | 179.8 | 105.4 | 32.7 | 9.5 | 5.7 | 39.2 | 50.2 | 5.1 | 16.9 | 8.7 |
| September .. | 48.9 | 131.9 | 180.8 | 106.0 | 32.7 | 10.4 | 4.1 | 40.0 | 50.4 | 5.1 | 16.9 | 8.8 |
| October .. | 48.6 | 136.5 | 185.1 | 105.0 | 32.7 | 10.8 | 8.5 | 40.0 | 52.0 | 5.1 | 17.0 | 8.9 |
| November .. | 48.4 | 139.6 | 188.0 | 105.0 | 32.7 | 10.1 | 10.5 | 40.0 | 46.7 | 5.1 | 17.2 | 9.1 |
| December .. | 47.0 | 140.4 | 187.4 | 104.8 | 32.7 | 10.9 | 8.0 | 40.0 | 50.4 | 5.1 | 17.3 | 9.4 |
| January .. | 47.5 | 132.5 | 180.0 | 105.9 | 32.7 | 10.6 | 2.8 | 40.1 | 66.2 | 5.1 | 17.0 | 9.1 |
| February .. | 46.7 | 132.9 | 179.6 | 104.8 | 33.6 | 9.8 | 4.2 | 40.1 | 98.8 | 5.0 | 16.5 | 9.1 |
| March .. | 45.5 | 135.9 | 181.4 | 102.7 | 35.7 | 10.1 | 6.0 | 36.8 | 113.5 | 5.1 | 16.0 | 9.1 |
| April .. | 40.9 | 141.9 | 182.8 | 101.3 | 34.8 | 10.7 | 7.6 | 35.7 | 109.5 | 5.1 | 15.8 | 9.2 |
| May .. | 42.0 | 138.2 | 180.2 | 101.0 | 32.9 | 9.8 | 8.2 | 35.7 | 98.1 | 5.1 | 15.8 | 9.3 |
| June .. | 42.7 | 136.4 | 179.1 | 101.9 | 31.9 | 10.2 | 5.0 | 35.7 | 86.6 | 5.0 | 15.7 | 9.4 |
| 1956-57— | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| July .. | 42.7 | 132.7 | 175.4 | 105.3 | 31.2 | 8.9 | 2.0 | 35.7 | 76.9 | 5.1 | 15.7 | 9.2 |
| August .. | 43.3 | 135.8 | 179.1 | 106.0 | 31.2 | 9.3 | 4.0 | 36.3 | 64.8 | 5.1 | 15.8 | 9.3 |
| September .. | 43.1 | 135.8 | 178.9 | 106.2 | 31.2 | 9.6 | 4.0 | 37.2 | 56.6 | 5.1 | 16.3 | 9.3 |
| October .. | 43.1 | 138.8 | 181.9 | 108.2 | 31.7 | 9.9 | 2.8 | 36.5 | 51.4 | 5.1 | 16.7 | 9.4 |
| November .. | 43.7 | 142.9 | 186.6 | 107.9 | 33.7 | 10.3 | 4.3 | 35.9 | 44.8 | 5.1 | 17.2 | 9.5 |
| December .. | 45.0 | 144.1 | 189.1 | 107.4 | 33.7 | 8.9 | 4.8 | 35.9 | 38.2 | 5.1 | 17.3 | 9.6 |
| January .. | 44.4 | 137.8 | 182.2 | 110.8 | 33.7 | 10.9 | 3.7 | 32.1 | 44.1 | 5.1 | 17.1 | 9.2 |
| February .. | 45.0 | 139.7 | 184.7 | 108.4 | 34.9 | 9.8 | 5.4 | 33.5 | 64.1 | 5.1 | 16.8 | 9.2 |
| March .. | 44.6 | 142.7 | 187.3 | 105.2 | 37.3 | 10.5 | 4.0 | 36.1 | 72.9 | 5.2 | 16.5 | 9.4 |

(a) General Banking Division of Commonwealth Bank prior to 3rd December, 1953. (b) Averages of liabilities and assets on Wednesday (c) At the beginning of July, 1952, the General Banking Division opened, in the books of the Central Bank, a special deposit account with a balance approximating the amount that would be required if it were subject to Special Account provisions of the Banking Act 1945. This represents a change in the form of liquid assets which were previously held, predominantly, in Treasury Bills. (d) Between March and July, 1952, certain loans building societies and *crédit foncier* loans for housing were transferred from the General Banking Division to the Commonwealth Savings Bank, exchange for Government Securities. The reduction in these loans (held by the General Banking Division) over this period was approximately £24,000,000. (e) Returns for fourth Wednesday not available.

For meaning of symbols ... —, see page 1.

COMMONWEALTH BANK OF AUSTRALIA : CENTRAL BANKING BUSINESS.

(Including Note Issue Department.)

LIABILITIES AND ASSETS.(a)

(£A million.)

| Period. | Notes on Issue. | | | Special Accounts of Trading Banks. | Other Deposits of Trading Banks. | Other Liabilities (excluding Capital and Reserves). | Gold and Balances held Abroad. | Government and other Securities (including Treasury Bills). |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|--------|--|--|---|---|--|
| | Held by Banks. | Held by Public. | Total. | | | | | |
| Average of Weekly Figures— | | | | | | | | |
| 1949-50.. .. | 27.9 | 194.3 | 222.2 | 379.6 | 30.7 | 200.3 | 434.0 | 349.0 |
| 1950-51.. .. | 32.7 | 219.1 | 251.8 | 503.2 | 34.7 | 238.2 | 596.3 | 366.6 |
| 1951-52.. .. | 38.1 | 255.5 | 293.6 | 468.8 | 31.1 | 270.9 | 470.6 | 503.1 |
| 1952-53.. .. | 36.9 | 281.3 | 318.2 | 212.9 | 45.4 | 287.4 | 363.6 | 434.8 |
| 1953-54.. .. | 38.5 | 299.7 | 338.2 | (b)306.8 | 41.7 | 283.4 | 512.6 | 408.0 |
| 1954-55.. .. | 40.9 | 316.1 | 357.0 | 306.3 | 36.8 | 243.5 | 415.9 | 459.8 |
| 1955-56.. .. | 43.0 | 331.1 | 374.1 | 272.8 | 35.6 | 208.7 | 298.9 | 515.7 |
| 1954-55— | | | | | | | | |
| March | 40.4 | 317.6 | 358.0 | 295.7 | 36.8 | 244.3 | 403.5 | 438.4 |
| April | 42.5 | 324.3 | 366.8 | 295.7 | 26.2 | 231.9 | 382.2 | 446.7 |
| May | 41.3 | 320.8 | 362.1 | 295.6 | 28.7 | 234.7 | 375.8 | 462.7 |
| June | 40.6 | 322.5 | 363.1 | 280.7 | 37.1 | 234.5 | 374.2 | 470.1 |
| 1955-56— | | | | | | | | |
| July | 40.1 | 323.8 | 363.9 | 273.1 | 40.5 | 217.1 | 360.2 | 471.1 |
| August | 40.1 | 325.9 | 366.0 | 265.4 | 36.7 | 216.0 | 343.8 | 486.8 |
| September .. | 40.2 | 328.1 | 368.3 | 265.4 | 36.1 | 205.9 | 321.6 | 502.0 |
| October | 40.7 | 329.6 | 370.3 | 265.4 | 34.4 | 210.5 | 303.3 | 525.4 |
| November .. | 41.4 | 331.4 | 372.8 | 265.4 | 34.8 | 208.7 | 301.0 | 535.3 |
| December(c) .. | 48.3 | 343.5 | 391.8 | 265.4 | 36.5 | 205.2 | 297.6 | 552.8 |
| January | 47.4 | 333.5 | 380.9 | 265.4 | 40.6 | 207.3 | 298.1 | 534.0 |
| February | 42.8 | 330.6 | 373.4 | 281.9 | 33.5 | 211.4 | 293.2 | 511.0 |
| March | 41.5 | 335.9 | 377.4 | 300.4 | 36.0 | 211.0 | 274.0 | 540.6 |
| April | 45.9 | 336.2 | 382.1 | 292.9 | 27.8 | 200.8 | 258.4 | 530.5 |
| May | 45.1 | 329.7 | 374.8 | 272.4 | 34.4 | 204.3 | 263.4 | 509.6 |
| June | 43.9 | 330.4 | 374.3 | 260.4 | 37.2 | 204.1 | 270.2 | 503.9 |
| 1956-57— | | | | | | | | |
| July | 43.1 | 330.7 | 373.8 | 255.4 | 33.5 | 202.2 | 282.4 | 497.2 |
| August | 42.8 | 333.8 | 376.6 | 255.4 | 38.4 | 201.7 | 292.0 | 513.8 |
| September .. | 42.7 | 337.1 | 379.8 | 255.4 | 40.7 | 203.9 | 286.7 | 538.2 |
| October | 43.7 | 337.4 | 381.1 | 258.4 | 31.8 | 206.2 | 285.9 | 546.5 |
| November .. | 43.5 | 340.6 | 384.1 | 270.3 | 34.2 | 207.6 | 302.0 | 559.2 |
| December(c) .. | 50.9 | 348.9 | 399.8 | 270.3 | 27.6 | 205.4 | 317.9 | 555.5 |
| January | 51.0 | 341.4 | 392.4 | 272.1 | 34.9 | 203.3 | 339.5 | 525.8 |
| February | 43.5 | 336.1 | 379.6 | 297.6 | 35.5 | 206.2 | 364.7 | 498.4 |
| March | 43.3 | 337.5 | 380.8 | 320.7 | 30.1 | 204.8 | 386.8 | 488.2 |

(a) Averages of liabilities and assets on Wednesdays in period. (b) From 3rd December, 1953, includes Special Account of Commonwealth Trading Bank. Previously the Special Deposit Account of the General Banking Division of the Commonwealth Bank was included in "Other Liabilities". (c) Return for fourth Wednesday not available.

For meaning of symbol —, see page 1.

ALL CHEQUE-PAYING BANKS.(a)

LIABILITIES AND ASSETS WITHIN AUSTRALIA.(b)

(£ million.)

| Period. | Deposits. | | | Advances. | Coin, Bullion, Notes and Cash with Commonwealth Bank. | Treasury Bills. | Other Australian Government and Municipal Securities. |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|----------|-----------|---|-----------------|---|
| | Bearing Interest. | Not Bearing Interest. | Total. | | | | |
| Average of Weekly Figures— | | | | | | | |
| 1949-50 | 249.3 | 771.2 | 1,020.5 | 495.4 | 62.2 | 29.5 | 132.3 |
| 1950-51 | 279.6 | 1,017.6 | 1,297.2 | 598.4 | 71.4 | 64.0 | 129.5 |
| 1951-52 | 271.7 | 1,091.5 | 1,363.2 | 759.7 | 72.3 | 61.7 | 96.6 |
| 1952-53 | 256.8 | 1,076.3 | 1,333.1 | (c)762.3 | (d)88.2 | (d)144.2 | (c)126.2 |
| 1953-54 | 290.4 | 1,196.0 | 1,486.4 | 793.7 | 87.3 | 130.1 | 174.2 |
| 1954-55 | 322.6 | 1,220.0 | 1,542.6 | 938.1 | 82.0 | 69.5 | 174.1 |
| 1955-56 | 325.7 | 1,207.7 | 1,533.4 | 984.1 | 81.1 | 60.5 | 167.0 |
| 1954-55— | | | | | | | |
| March | 327.6 | 1,276.0 | 1,603.6 | 940.0 | 81.0 | 118.5 | 185.3 |
| April | 324.0 | 1,260.9 | 1,584.9 | 963.9 | 72.0 | 86.7 | 183.5 |
| May | 330.2 | 1,236.5 | 1,566.7 | 983.6 | 74.1 | 65.5 | 179.2 |
| June | 329.8 | 1,214.9 | 1,544.7 | 990.8 | 81.8 | 40.7 | 177.8 |
| 1955-56— | | | | | | | |
| July | 332.4 | 1,182.3 | 1,514.7 | 1,007.7 | 83.8 | 27.2 | 167.5 |
| August | 329.2 | 1,167.9 | 1,497.1 | 999.8 | 80.3 | 30.9 | 163.3 |
| September | 326.5 | 1,164.7 | 1,491.2 | 1,004.4 | 79.3 | 30.6 | 160.1 |
| October | 329.1 | 1,185.9 | 1,515.0 | 1,012.3 | 78.7 | 39.4 | 160.8 |
| November | 326.6 | 1,210.4 | 1,537.0 | 1,004.5 | 78.8 | 45.6 | 164.3 |
| December(e) | 322.6 | 1,240.8 | 1,563.4 | 995.2 | 86.5 | 56.4 | 165.0 |
| January | 325.1 | 1,243.8 | 1,568.9 | 966.3 | 91.5 | 98.9 | 168.3 |
| February | 322.9 | 1,248.9 | 1,571.8 | 954.4 | 81.2 | 120.8 | 172.1 |
| March | 321.0 | 1,254.7 | 1,575.7 | 954.6 | 79.9 | 104.4 | 170.7 |
| April | 319.7 | 1,244.2 | 1,563.9 | 964.7 | 75.0 | 76.1 | 169.6 |
| May | 324.1 | 1,192.0 | 1,516.1 | 976.2 | 80.6 | 54.5 | 169.6 |
| June | 328.4 | 1,167.7 | 1,496.1 | 972.4 | 79.6 | 37.4 | 171.5 |
| 1956-57— | | | | | | | |
| July | 334.8 | 1,139.1 | 1,473.9 | 979.7 | 77.2 | 34.3 | 166.1 |
| August | 338.4 | 1,129.4 | 1,467.8 | 968.9 | 81.0 | 34.7 | 167.5 |
| September | 343.4 | 1,138.3 | 1,481.7 | 959.9 | 84.9 | 43.4 | 171.8 |
| October | 346.7 | 1,170.9 | 1,517.6 | 964.9 | 77.8 | 57.0 | 176.0 |
| November | 353.6 | 1,200.8 | 1,554.4 | 956.1 | 79.0 | 61.3 | 187.7 |
| December(e) | 361.2 | 1,226.2 | 1,587.4 | 947.3 | 78.9 | 70.4 | 202.7 |
| January | 367.2 | 1,237.7 | 1,604.9 | 933.8 | 88.1 | 90.9 | 215.6 |
| February | r372.5 | 1,265.7 | r1,638.2 | 919.0 | 80.3 | 99.9 | 233.2 |
| March | 374.9 | 1,291.8 | 1,666.7 | 909.6 | 74.6 | 102.9 | 242.2 |

(a) Compiled from returns lodged under the Banking Act 1945-1953. Includes General Banking Division of the Commonwealth Bank of Australia (Commonwealth Trading Bank from 3rd December, 1953), the General Bank Department of the Rural Bank of New South Wales, the General Banking Department of the State Bank of South Australia, and from July, 1946, the Rural Department of the Rural and Industries Bank of Western Australia. (b) See note (b), page 50. (c) See note (d), page 50. (d) See note (c), page 50. (e) Banks were exempted from furnishing a return for fourth Wednesday.

For meaning of symbols r, —, see page 1.

ALL CHEQUE-PAYING BANKS.

DEBITS TO CUSTOMERS' ACCOUNTS.(a)

(Excluding Debits to Australian Government Accounts at City Branches.)

(£ million.)

| Period. | New South Wales. | Victoria. | Queensland. | South Australia. | Western Australia. | Tasmania. | Australian Capital Territory. | Total. |
|-----------------------------------|------------------|-----------|-------------|------------------|--------------------|-----------|-------------------------------|--------|
| Average of Weekly Figures— | | | | | | | | |
| 1949-50.. | 104.9 | 97.8 | 29.5 | 19.3 | 13.7 | 5.6 | 0.3 | 271.1 |
| 1950-51.. | 145.1 | 134.9 | 39.0 | 26.8 | 19.3 | 7.4 | 0.4 | 372.9 |
| 1951-52.. | 156.6 | 142.3 | 41.5 | 30.8 | 21.8 | 8.9 | 0.5 | 402.4 |
| 1952-53.. | 151.9 | 132.0 | 43.8 | 30.1 | 22.1 | 8.8 | 0.6 | 389.3 |
| 1953-54.. | 171.7 | 154.9 | 51.0 | 32.8 | 25.4 | 9.9 | 0.8 | 446.5 |
| 1954-55(b) | 187.5 | 176.2 | 53.9 | 36.3 | 26.2 | 10.7 | 0.8 | 491.6 |
| 1955-56.. | 200.9 | 185.4 | 56.0 | 39.6 | 26.9 | 11.6 | 1.0 | 521.4 |
| 1954-55— | | | | | | | | |
| March (b) | 186.0 | 187.1 | 50.3 | 38.5 | 27.1 | 12.0 | 0.9 | 501.9 |
| April .. | 185.5 | 174.6 | 51.4 | 36.1 | 25.6 | 10.7 | 0.9 | 484.8 |
| May .. | 203.3 | 191.7 | 56.5 | 39.3 | 28.2 | 12.1 | 1.0 | 532.1 |
| June .. | 206.0 | 182.3 | 56.6 | 38.5 | 25.0 | 12.6 | 0.9 | 521.9 |
| 1955-56— | | | | | | | | |
| July .. | 201.7 | 183.8 | 59.4 | 37.8 | 26.1 | 11.0 | 0.9 | 520.7 |
| August .. | 186.9 | 167.3 | 53.2 | 36.0 | 23.9 | 11.1 | 0.9 | 479.3 |
| September .. | 193.7 | 169.3 | 56.7 | 36.3 | 25.5 | 10.8 | 1.0 | 493.3 |
| October .. | 202.9 | 183.8 | 57.0 | 37.6 | 25.9 | 11.0 | 1.0 | 519.2 |
| November .. | 216.1 | 196.1 | 57.7 | 41.6 | 27.7 | 11.2 | 1.0 | 551.4 |
| December .. | 214.1 | 205.2 | 59.6 | 42.6 | 28.8 | 11.8 | 1.0 | 563.1 |
| January .. | 183.9 | 172.2 | 52.9 | 39.3 | 30.0 | 10.4 | 1.1 | 489.8 |
| February .. | 187.1 | 184.0 | 50.9 | 39.8 | 27.8 | 10.9 | 1.0 | 501.5 |
| March .. | 199.7 | 191.1 | 54.5 | 41.4 | 26.8 | 12.2 | 1.2 | 526.9 |
| April .. | 201.2 | 190.2 | 52.0 | 38.4 | 27.0 | 12.6 | 1.0 | 522.4 |
| May .. | 218.0 | 199.2 | 58.3 | 43.1 | 28.2 | 13.5 | 1.1 | 561.4 |
| June .. | 203.8 | 181.0 | 60.9 | 40.4 | 25.4 | 12.7 | 1.1 | 525.3 |
| 1956-57— | | | | | | | | |
| July .. | 214.6 | 185.0 | 61.9 | 40.5 | 26.4 | 12.3 | 1.0 | 541.7 |
| August .. | 189.0 | 165.1 | 55.5 | 35.5 | 24.9 | 11.1 | 1.0 | 482.1 |
| September .. | 201.0 | 183.5 | 59.3 | 39.9 | 29.3 | 12.0 | 1.1 | 526.1 |
| October .. | 221.8 | 192.3 | 63.3 | 42.0 | 29.2 | 12.4 | 1.2 | 562.2 |
| November .. | 226.1 | 194.2 | 65.5 | 42.8 | 29.2 | 12.4 | 1.0 | 571.2 |
| December .. | 231.7 | 202.8 | 65.2 | 45.5 | 28.9 | 14.3 | 1.2 | 589.6 |
| January .. | 202.3 | 188.0 | 60.4 | 38.2 | 30.0 | 10.7 | 1.4 | 531.0 |
| February .. | 224.7 | 206.2 | 66.2 | 48.7 | 30.7 | 13.0 | 1.2 | 590.7 |
| March .. | 233.5 | 207.1 | 63.6 | 46.5 | 30.7 | 14.4 | 1.5 | 597.3 |

(a) Compiled from returns lodged under the Banking Act 1945-1953. Averages of four or five weeks ended on last Wednesday. Includes in addition to the banks included in series on page 52, the Rural Credits, Mortgage Bank and Industrial Finance Departments of the Commonwealth Bank. (b) Debits to Customers' Accounts relating to the transfer of accounts from The Ballarat Banking Co. Ltd. (in vol. liq.) to The National Bank of Australasia Ltd. have been excluded for March, 1955 and subsequent months.

For meaning of symbol —, see page 1.

SAVINGS BANK DEPOSITS AND SAVINGS CERTIFICATES.

(£ million.)

| At end of— | Amounts on Deposit in Savings Banks. | | | | | | | | | War Savings and Savings Certificates—Net Amount Outstanding. |
|------------|--------------------------------------|-----------|-------------|------------------|--------------------|-----------|---------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------|--|
| | New South Wales. | Victoria. | Queensland. | South Australia. | Western Australia. | Tasmania. | Northern Territory. | Australian Capital Territory. | Australia. | |
| 1936-37 .. | 82.0 | 75.7 | 27.3 | 26.5 | 11.8 | 7.2 | 0.1 | 0.3 | 230.9 | .. |
| 1937-38 .. | 86.0 | 78.9 | 28.2 | 27.2 | 12.0 | 7.7 | 0.1 | 0.3 | 240.4 | .. |
| 1938-39 .. | 87.5 | 80.5 | 29.0 | 27.4 | 12.4 | 8.4 | 0.1 | 0.3 | 245.6 | .. |
| 1949-50 .. | 258.9 | 257.1 | 92.2 | 87.7 | 39.6 | 24.3 | 0.9 | 1.4 | 762.1 | 55.0 |
| 1950-51 .. | 284.5 | 281.8 | 98.8 | 97.8 | 44.7 | 27.1 | 1.0 | 1.7 | 837.4 | 48.1 |
| 1951-52 .. | 304.5 | 300.8 | 102.7 | 103.7 | 47.2 | 30.1 | 1.1 | 1.8 | 891.9 | 41.8 |
| 1952-53 .. | 319.1 | 320.0 | 109.4 | 113.9 | 49.8 | 32.1 | 1.1 | 2.1 | 947.5 | 35.6 |
| 1953-54 .. | 339.8 | 339.8 | 117.4 | 122.9 | 52.6 | 34.0 | 1.3 | 2.3 | 1,010.1 | 30.3 |
| 1954-55 .. | 358.6 | 364.8 | 124.8 | 131.7 | 53.6 | 35.8 | 1.5 | 2.6 | 1,073.4 | 26.6 |
| 1955-56 .. | 386.7 | 386.2 | 132.7 | 135.7 | 57.9 | 37.2 | 4.7 | | 1,141.1 | 23.3 |
| 1954-55— | | | | | | | | | | |
| March | 350.9 | 354.5 | 122.2 | 128.5 | 52.5 | 35.1 | 1.4 | 2.5 | 1,047.6 | 27.5 |
| April .. | 352.5 | 356.7 | 122.5 | 129.0 | 52.7 | 35.4 | 1.4 | 2.5 | 1,052.7 | 27.2 |
| May .. | 351.4 | 357.3 | 122.1 | 128.9 | 52.5 | 35.4 | 1.4 | 2.5 | 1,051.5 | 26.9 |
| June .. | 358.6 | 364.8 | 124.8 | 131.7 | 53.6 | 35.8 | 1.5 | 2.6 | ^a 1,073.4 | 26.6 |
| 1955-56— | | | | | | | | | | |
| July .. | 360.4 | 366.9 | 126.3 | 132.6 | 54.2 | 36.2 | 1.5 | 2.6 | 1,080.7 | 26.3 |
| August | 358.9 | 367.3 | 126.7 | 132.5 | 54.3 | 36.7 | 1.6 | 2.7 | 1,080.7 | 26.0 |
| September | 359.5 | 368.9 | 126.5 | 132.9 | 54.6 | 36.7 | 1.6 | 2.7 | 1,083.4 | 25.7 |
| October | 362.3 | 370.1 | 127.6 | 133.6 | 54.9 | 36.8 | 1.5 | 2.7 | 1,089.5 | 25.4 |
| November | 361.8 | 371.1 | 127.7 | 132.9 | 54.7 | 36.5 | 1.5 | 2.7 | 1,088.9 | 25.2 |
| December | 364.1 | 371.4 | 128.1 | 132.8 | 54.4 | 36.4 | 1.5 | 2.7 | 1,091.4 | 24.9 |
| January | 367.3 | 371.5 | 127.9 | 132.7 | 54.7 | 36.3 | 4.3 | | 1,094.7 | 24.6 |
| February | 371.2 | 373.5 | 128.2 | 132.9 | 55.0 | 36.6 | 4.3 | | 1,101.7 | 24.4 |
| March | 374.4 | 375.3 | 129.1 | 133.1 | 55.4 | 36.5 | 4.4 | | 1,108.2 | 24.2 |
| April .. | 375.7 | 375.7 | 128.9 | 132.9 | 55.8 | 36.7 | 4.5 | | 1,110.2 | 23.9 |
| May .. | 376.7 | 376.9 | 128.8 | 132.3 | 56.2 | 36.6 | 4.6 | | 1,112.1 | 23.6 |
| June .. | 386.7 | 386.2 | 132.7 | 135.7 | 57.9 | 37.2 | 4.7 | | ^a 1,141.1 | 23.3 |
| 1956-57— | | | | | | | | | | |
| July .. | 390.3 | 388.3 | 134.1 | 136.7 | 58.6 | 37.6 | 4.7 | | 1,150.3 | 23.1 |
| August | 394.7 | 392.7 | 135.9 | 137.2 | 59.6 | 38.3 | 4.8 | | 1,163.2 | 22.8 |
| September | 399.7 | 396.3 | 137.9 | 137.7 | 60.5 | 38.5 | 4.8 | | 1,175.4 | 22.4 |
| October | 403.2 | 399.0 | 139.4 | 138.2 | 61.0 | 38.5 | 4.9 | | 1,184.2 | 22.1 |
| November | 405.5 | 401.6 | 140.5 | 138.6 | 61.4 | 38.4 | 5.0 | | 1,191.0 | 21.8 |
| December | 406.2 | 400.4 | 140.8 | 137.6 | 61.1 | 38.2 | 4.8 | | 1,189.1 | 21.5 |
| January | 408.1 | 400.4 | 140.1 | 137.6 | 61.0 | 38.3 | 4.9 | | 1,190.4 | 21.2 |
| February | 412.1 | 402.7 | 140.6 | 138.8 | 61.2 | 38.6 | 4.9 | | 1,198.9 | 21.0 |
| March | 412.4 | 402.2 | 140.4 | 138.5 | 61.1 | 38.5 | 5.0 | | 1,198.1 | 20.7 |

(a) Interest added 1954-55, £20.6m; 1955-56, £23.3m. The major part of this interest was added in June each year.

For meaning of symbol .., see page 1.

LIFE ASSURANCE BUSINESS.(a)

| Period. | New Policies Issued.(b) | | | | Premiums.(c) | | Claims, etc., Paid.(d) | | New Loans Granted. (e) |
|------------------|-------------------------|--------------|------------------------|--------------|----------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|
| | Ordinary Department. | | Industrial Department. | | Ordinary Department. | Industrial Department. | Ordinary Department. | Industrial Department. | |
| | Number. | Sum Assured. | Number. | Sum Assured. | | | | | |
| | | £'000. | | £'000. | £'000. | £'000. | £'000. | £'000. | £'000. |
| Monthly Average— | | | | | | | | | |
| 1937 | 12,296 | 4,120 | 36,148 | 1,684 | 1,045 | 474 | 747 | 223 | n.a. |
| 1938 | 11,470 | 3,867 | 32,757 | 1,530 | 1,075 | 617 | 781 | 246 | n.a. |
| 1939 | 11,293 | 3,886 | 32,125 | 1,545 | 1,144 | 541 | 835 | 303 | n.a. |
| | | | | | | | | | |
| 1949-50.. .. | 20,538 | 12,243 | 24,999 | 2,509 | 2,877 | 1,003 | 1,224 | 512 | 2,778 |
| 1950-51.. .. | 21,642 | 15,206 | 22,713 | 2,423 | 3,210 | 1,043 | 1,310 | 491 | 3,893 |
| 1951-52.. .. | 23,607 | 18,464 | 23,216 | 2,817 | 3,651 | 1,102 | 1,441 | 546 | 3,963 |
| 1952-53.. .. | 23,643 | 18,828 | 22,853 | 2,946 | 4,186 | 1,147 | 1,576 | 619 | 3,011 |
| 1953-54.. .. | 23,709 | 21,177 | 19,964 | 2,714 | 4,679 | 1,172 | 1,763 | 670 | 2,872 |
| 1954-55.. .. | 23,505 | 24,365 | 18,415 | 2,734 | 5,175 | 1,218 | 1,983 | 738 | 4,319 |
| 1955-56.. .. | 24,796 | r27,893 | 17,551 | 2,721 | 5,785 | 1,228 | 2,263 | 793 | 4,744 |
| Monthly Total— | | | | | | | | | |
| 1954-55— | | | | | | | | | |
| February | 16,358 | 15,828 | 17,464 | 2,541 | 4,498 | 1,181 | 1,764 | 736 | 3,731 |
| March | 22,932 | 23,258 | 18,489 | 2,687 | 5,340 | 1,258 | 2,161 | 814 | 5,111 |
| April | 19,535 | 20,123 | 17,156 | 2,688 | 4,750 | 1,162 | 1,849 | 666 | 4,875 |
| May | 24,860 | 31,169 | 19,992 | 2,982 | 6,112 | 1,260 | 2,157 | 798 | 4,327 |
| June | 27,002 | 29,666 | 20,225 | 3,119 | 6,749 | 1,359 | 2,182 | 795 | 6,861 |
| 1955-56— | | | | | | | | | |
| July | 29,780 | 31,298 | 17,383 | 2,649 | 5,812 | 1,181 | 2,424 | 842 | 4,083 |
| August | 28,314 | 30,682 | 21,003 | 3,316 | 5,702 | 1,182 | 2,322 | 864 | 5,217 |
| September .. | 35,366 | 36,605 | 22,065 | 3,476 | 6,072 | 1,272 | 2,415 | 814 | 5,191 |
| October | 20,584 | 22,642 | 19,056 | 2,887 | 5,192 | 1,262 | 2,020 | 821 | 4,447 |
| November .. | 25,697 | 26,896 | 18,249 | 2,846 | 5,352 | 1,284 | 2,177 | 784 | 6,011 |
| December .. | 27,944 | 45,467 | 17,075 | 2,864 | 6,340 | 1,558 | 2,584 | 706 | 5,473 |
| January | 13,527 | 14,085 | 3,568 | 507 | 4,786 | 641 | 1,619 | 595 | 3,518 |
| February .. | 20,759 | 20,434 | 16,586 | 2,495 | 4,990 | 1,229 | 2,250 | 769 | 4,376 |
| March | 24,048 | 24,706 | 19,946 | 3,059 | 5,440 | 1,296 | 2,196 | 840 | 5,044 |
| April | 22,109 | 22,613 | 18,158 | 2,736 | 5,886 | 1,225 | 2,072 | 737 | 3,935 |
| May | 24,309 | r30,292 | 18,499 | 2,870 | 6,686 | 1,280 | 2,484 | 884 | 4,292 |
| June | 25,121 | 28,997 | 19,019 | 2,952 | 7,168 | 1,324 | 2,596 | 855 | 5,338 |
| 1956-57— | | | | | | | | | |
| July | 24,612 | 31,567 | 20,260 | 3,211 | 6,846 | 1,203 | 2,674 | 912 | 5,796 |
| August | 26,391 | 31,273 | 20,595 | 3,233 | 6,257 | 1,284 | 2,627 | 953 | 4,724 |
| September .. | r32,415 | r38,409 | 24,957 | 3,897 | r6,371 | 1,242 | 2,432 | r840 | r4,746 |
| October | 22,802 | 30,266 | 16,139 | 2,484 | 6,223 | 1,265 | 2,651 | 907 | 4,517 |
| November .. | 25,701 | 32,053 | 18,673 | 2,974 | 6,006 | 1,429 | 2,381 | 852 | 5,931 |
| December .. | 27,565 | 54,543 | 14,746 | 2,557 | 6,209 | r1,480 | 2,343 | 669 | 5,643 |
| January | 13,445 | 17,087 | 5,383 | 801 | 5,734 | 756 | 2,118 | 644 | 3,400 |
| February .. | 19,066 | 26,103 | 16,373 | 2,523 | 5,780 | 1,360 | 2,327 | 853 | 3,609 |

(a) Excludes business of the Government Insurance Office of New South Wales and the Queensland State Government Insurance Office which operate only in New South Wales and Queensland respectively. Monthly averages for the years 1937 to 1947 are based on annual returns for the financial years of the companies. From 1947-48 the figures have been compiled from monthly returns.
 (b) Excludes annuity policies. (c) Includes consideration for annuities. (d) Includes claims paid on death or maturity payments made on surrender of policies, annuities and bonuses paid in cash. (e) Excludes advances of premiums.

For meaning of symbols n.a., r, —, see page 1.

EXCHANGE RATES, GOLD PRICES AND SECURITY YIELDS.

| Period. | Exchange Rates.(a) | | | Gold Prices.(a) | | Commonwealth Government Securities taxed at Current Commonwealth Rates. | | Private First Mortgages Registered in New South Wales. |
|---------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------|------------------|--------------------|---|-------------------------|--|
| | Australia on London.(b) | London on New York. (b) | Australia on New York. (c) | Australia. | London. | Short Dated 2 years.(d) | Long Dated 12 years.(d) | |
| | £A. per £100 Stg. | \$ per £Stg. | \$ per £A. | £A. per fine oz. | £Stg. per fine oz. | Per cent. | Per cent. | Per cent. (e) |
| 1936-37 | 125.25 | 4.939 | 3.929 | 8.781 | 7.041 | (f) 3.57 | (g) 3.94 | (h) 5.3 |
| 1937-38 | 125.25 | 4.980 | 3.961 | 8.690 | 7.001 | (f) 3.30 | (g) 3.71 | (h) 5.3 |
| 1938-39 | 125.25 | 4.738 | 3.759 | 9.137 | 7.340 | (f) 3.67 | (g) 3.84 | (i) 5.4 |
| 1949-50 | 125.25 | 3.074 | 2.445 | 14.443 | 11.557 | 1.95 | 3.13 | 4.4 |
| 1950-51 | 125.25 | 2.800 | 2.228 | 15.492 | 12.400 | 1.99 | 3.21 | 4.4 |
| 1951-52 | 125.25 | 2.796 | 2.224 | 15.492 | 12.400 | 2.05 | 3.95 | 4.4 |
| 1952-53 | 125.25 | 2.804 | 2.231 | 15.492 | 12.400 | 3.03 | 4.54 | 4.7 |
| 1953-54 | 125.25 | 2.813 | 2.238 | 15.514 | 12.411 | 3.10 | 4.44 | 4.9 |
| 1954-55 | 125.25 | 2.797 | 2.226 | 15.625 | 12.536 | 3.49 | 4.50 | 5.2 |
| 1955-56 | 125.25 | 2.795 | 2.228 | 15.625 | 12.496 | 4.39 | 4.76 | 5.8 |
| 1954-55— | | | | | | | | (i) (j) |
| March | 125.25 | 2.792 | 2.220 | 15.625 | 12.557 | 3.49 | 4.53 | 5.3 |
| April | 125.25 | 2.797 | 2.226 | 15.625 | 12.533 | 3.55 | 4.53 | 5.4 |
| May | 125.25 | 2.796 | 2.225 | 15.625 | 12.534 | 3.61 | 4.49 | 5.4 |
| June | 125.25 | 2.790 | 2.220 | 15.625 | 12.560 | 3.74 | 4.53 | 5.5 |
| 1955-56— | | | | | | | | |
| July | 125.25 | 2.785 | 2.217 | 15.625 | 12.583 | 3.91 | 4.53 | 5.5 |
| August | 125.25 | 2.787 | 2.218 | 15.625 | 12.569 | 4.08 | 4.51 | 5.5 |
| September .. | 125.25 | 2.786 | 2.217 | 15.625 | 12.556 | 4.23 | 4.51 | 5.5 |
| October | 125.25 | 2.739 | 2.222 | 15.625 | 12.528 | 3.96 | 4.53 | 5.6 |
| November .. | 125.25 | 2.802 | 2.230 | 15.625 | 12.477 | 4.07 | 4.52 | 5.6 |
| December .. | 125.25 | 2.803 | 2.230 | 15.625 | 12.478 | 4.19 | 4.53 | 5.7 |
| January | 125.25 | 2.807 | 2.234 | 15.625 | 12.465 | 4.13 | 4.54 | 5.8 |
| February .. | 125.25 | 2.807 | 2.233 | 15.625 | 12.466 | 4.26 | 4.57 | 5.8 |
| March | 125.25 | 2.805 | 2.233 | 15.625 | 12.472 | 4.68 | 5.12 | 5.9 |
| April | 125.25 | 2.808 | 2.234 | 15.625 | 12.460 | 4.97 | 5.18 | 5.9 |
| May | 125.25 | 2.808 | 2.234 | 15.625 | 12.461 | 5.02 | 5.19 | 6.0 |
| June | 125.25 | 2.802 | 2.230 | 15.625 | 12.437 | 5.13 | 5.34 | 6.1 |
| 1956-57— | | | | | | | | |
| July | 125.25 | 2.794 | 2.224 | 15.625 | 12.528 | 4.68 | 5.15 | 6.2 |
| August | 125.25 | 2.783 | 2.215 | 15.625 | 12.581 | 4.70 | 5.05 | 6.3 |
| September .. | 125.25 | 2.783 | 2.215 | 15.625 | 12.579 | 4.99 | 5.04 | 6.4 |
| October | 125.25 | 2.785 | 2.216 | 15.625 | 12.575 | 4.68 | 5.05 | 6.5 |
| November .. | 125.25 | 2.783 | 2.214 | 15.625 | 12.569 | 4.60 | 5.07 | 6.6 |
| December .. | 125.25 | 2.785 | 2.216 | 15.625 | 12.532 | 4.69 | 5.09 | 6.6 |
| January | 125.25 | 2.796 | 2.225 | 15.625 | 12.479 | 4.68 | 5.04 | 6.6 |
| February .. | 125.25 | 2.798 | 2.227 | 15.625 | 12.469 | 4.70 | 5.05 | 6.6 |
| March | 125.25 | 2.793 | 2.223 | 15.625 | 12.499 | 4.70 | 5.03 | 6.6 |

(a) Average of daily quotations. (b) Average of buying and selling rates for telegraphic transfers. (c) Selling rate. Direct quotation. (d) Rates for securities maturing in 2 and 12 years, estimated from rates on securities maturing in 0-5, and 10 or more years, respectively. Figures relate to last Wednesday in month. (e) Weighted average twelve months. (f) Under 5 years taxed at 1930 Commonwealth rates. (g) Ten years and over taxed at 1930 Commonwealth rates. (h) Urban securities only. (i) Rural and urban securities. (j) Average rate on mortgages registered in three months ending with month shown.

INTEREST RATES. (Per Cent. per Annum.)

| Date of Change in Rate. | Trading Banks— | | | | | | Common-wealth Savings Bank Deposits (Maximum Rate). | Treasury Bills (Discount Rate). | Common-wealth Loans (Long Term). |
|-------------------------|-----------------|-----------|------------|------------|--------------------------------|------------------------|---|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| | Fixed Deposits— | | | | Overdrafts (Maximum Rate). | | | | |
| | 3 months. | 6 months. | 12 months. | 24 months. | Common-wealth Trading Bank.(a) | Private Trading Banks. | | | |
| 1940—1st March .. | 1.75 | 2.25 | 2.50 | 2.75 | 4.25 | } (b) { | 2.00 | 1.75 | 3.625 |
| 28th May .. | 1.50 | 2.00 | 2.25 | 2.50 | 4.25 | | 2.00 | 1.50 | 3.250 |
| 1941—22nd Sept. .. | 1.50 | 1.75 | 2.00 | 2.25 | 4.25 | | 2.00 | 1.50 | 3.250 |
| 1942—14th March .. | 1.25 | 1.50 | 1.75 | 2.00 | 4.25 | 5.00 | 2.00 | 1.50 | 3.250 |
| 1943—1st May .. | 1.25 | 1.50 | 1.75 | 2.00 | 4.25 | 5.00 | 2.00 | 1.25 | 3.250 |
| 1944—17th January.. | 1.00 | 1.25 | 1.50 | 2.00 | 4.25 | 5.00 | 2.00 | 1.25 | 3.250 |
| 11th August .. | 0.50 | 0.75 | 1.25 | 1.75 | 4.25 | 4.75 | 2.00 | 1.25 | 3.250 |
| 1945—1st March .. | 0.50 | 0.75 | 1.25 | 1.75 | 4.25 | 4.75 | 2.00 | 1.00 | 3.250 |
| 1st December | 0.50 | 0.75 | 1.00 | (c)1.50 | 4.25 | 4.75 | 2.00 | 1.00 | 3.250 |
| 1946—20th November | 0.50 | 0.75 | 1.00 | (c)1.50 | 4.25 | 4.75 | 2.00 | 1.00 | 3.125 |
| 1947—1st January .. | 0.50 | 0.75 | 1.00 | (c)1.50 | 4.25 | 4.50 | 2.00 | 1.00 | 3.125 |
| 1949—1st May .. | 0.50 | 0.75 | 1.00 | (c)1.50 | 4.25 | 4.50 | 2.00 | 0.75 | 3.125 |
| 1951—21st August .. | 0.50 | 0.75 | 1.00 | (c)1.50 | 4.25 | 4.50 | 2.00 | 0.75 | 3.750 |
| 1952—29th July .. | 1.00 | 1.25 | 1.50 | (d)1.75 | 4.75 | 5.00 | 2.25 | 1.00 | 3.750 |
| 25th November | 1.00 | 1.25 | 1.50 | (d)1.75 | 4.75 | 5.00 | 2.25 | 1.00 | 4.500 |
| 1955—1st January .. | 1.25 | 1.50 | 1.75 | 2.00 | 4.75 | 5.00 | 2.50 | 1.00 | 4.500 |
| 1956—15th March .. | 2.25 | 2.50 | 2.75 | 3.00 | 4.75 | 5.00 | 2.50 | 1.00 | 4.500 |
| 1st April .. | 2.25 | 2.50 | 2.75 | 3.00 | (e) 6.00 | (e) 6.00 | 2.75 | 1.00 | 4.500 |
| 10th May .. | 2.25 | 2.50 | 2.75 | 3.00 | (e) 6.00 | (e) 6.00 | 2.75 | 1.00 | 5.000 |
| 4th December | 2.25 | 2.50 | 2.75 | 3.50 | (e) 6.00 | (e) 6.00 | 2.75 | 1.00 | 5.000 |

(a) Prior to 3rd December, 1953, General Banking Division of the Commonwealth Bank. (b) Rates for Private Trading Banks not published, but predominant rates between 1936 and 1940 were 5.25 per cent. to 5.50 per cent. On 1st July, 1940, rates in excess of 5.25 per cent. were reduced by 0.25 per cent. and on 1st January, 1942, there was a further reduction of 0.125 per cent. (c) 1 per cent. on amounts in excess of £10,000. (d) 1.50 per cent. on amounts in excess of £10,000. (e) Average rate on all advances not to exceed 5½ per cent.

COMMONWEALTH AND STATES: SHORT-TERM DEBT REDEEMABLE IN AUSTRALIA.(a)

(£'000.)

| Date. | Common-wealth. | States. | Total. | Date. | Common-wealth. | States. | Total. |
|---------------|----------------|---------|---------|---------------|----------------|---------|---------|
| 30th June— | | | | 1955-56— | | | |
| 1937 .. | .. | 46,408 | 46,408 | 31st Oct. .. | 195,000 | 2,900 | 197,900 |
| 1938 .. | .. | 46,598 | 46,598 | 30th Nov. .. | 210,000 | 5,900 | 215,900 |
| 1939 .. | .. | 50,228 | 50,228 | 31st Dec. .. | 255,000 | 7,400 | 262,400 |
| 1949 .. | 123,280 | .. | 123,280 | 31st Jan. .. | 255,000 | 7,400 | 262,400 |
| 1950 .. | 108,280 | .. | 108,280 | 29th Feb. .. | 265,000 | 7,400 | 272,400 |
| 1951 .. | 108,280 | 2,400 | 110,680 | 31st Mar. .. | 280,000 | 6,400 | 286,400 |
| 1952 .. | 153,280 | .. | 153,280 | 30th April .. | 220,000 | 5,900 | 225,900 |
| 1953 .. | 225,000 | .. | 225,000 | 31st May .. | 180,000 | 3,900 | 183,900 |
| 1954 .. | 190,000 | .. | 190,000 | 30th June .. | 165,000 | .. | 165,000 |
| 1955 .. | 160,000 | .. | 160,000 | | | | |
| 1956 .. | 165,000 | .. | 165,000 | 1956-57— | | | |
| 1954-55— | | | | 31st July .. | 155,000 | 2,250 | 157,250 |
| 30th April .. | 210,000 | .. | 210,000 | 31st August | 190,000 | 3,000 | 193,000 |
| 31st May .. | 165,000 | .. | 165,000 | 30th Sept. .. | 210,000 | 3,000 | 213,000 |
| 30th June .. | 160,000 | .. | 160,000 | 31st Oct. .. | 240,000 | 3,000 | 243,000 |
| 1955-56— | | | | 30th Nov. .. | 255,000 | 11,000 | 266,000 |
| 31st July .. | 150,000 | .. | 150,000 | 31st Dec. .. | 270,000 | 14,000 | 284,000 |
| 31st August | 155,000 | .. | 155,000 | 31st Jan. .. | 260,000 | 14,000 | 274,000 |
| 30th Sept. .. | 180,000 | 2,400 | 182,400 | 28th Feb. .. | 270,000 | 14,000 | 284,000 |
| | | | | 31st Mar. .. | 260,000 | 12,000 | 272,000 |

(a) Excludes overdrafts and Internal Treasury Bills.
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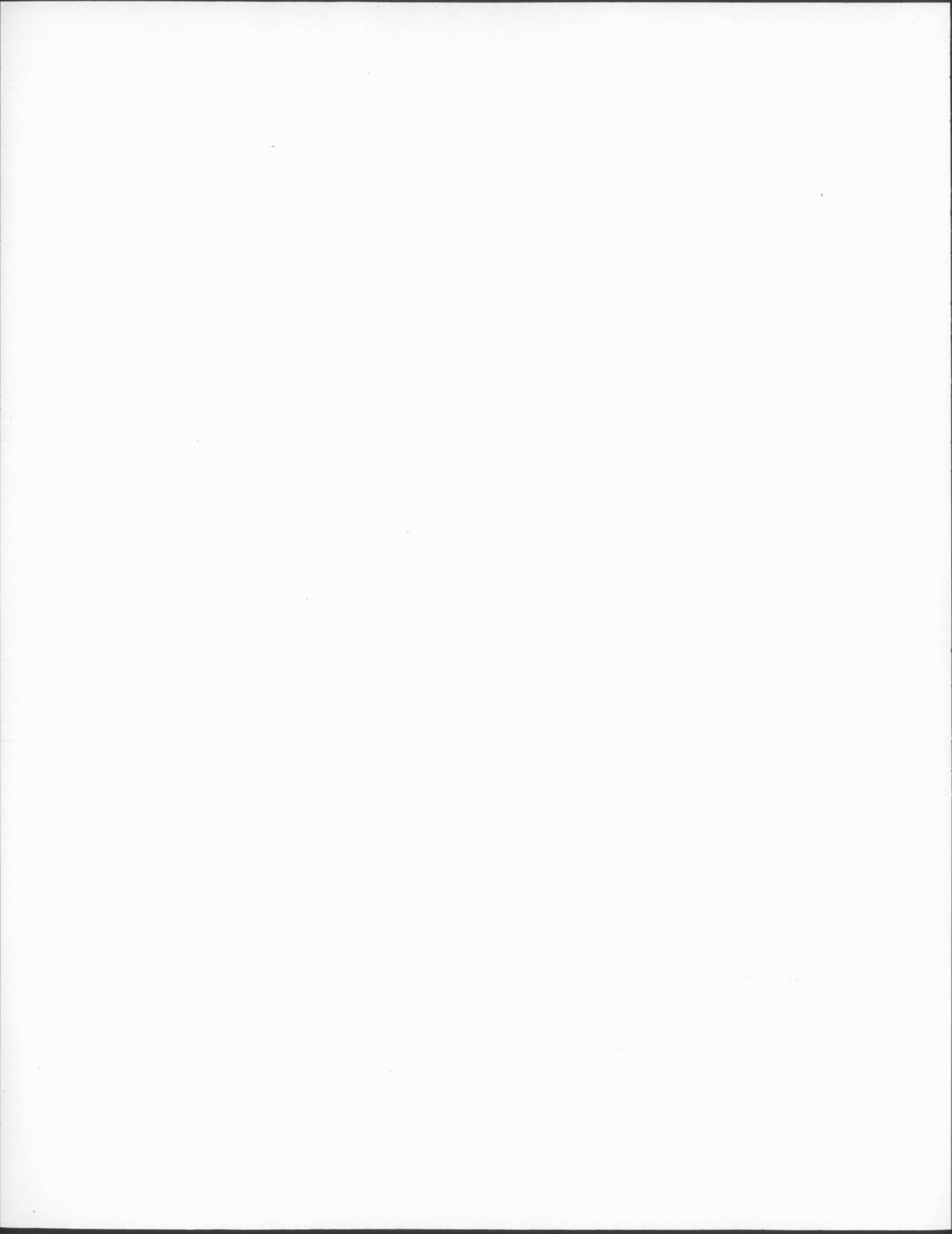
COMMONWEALTH AND STATE FINANCE.(a)

(£ million.)

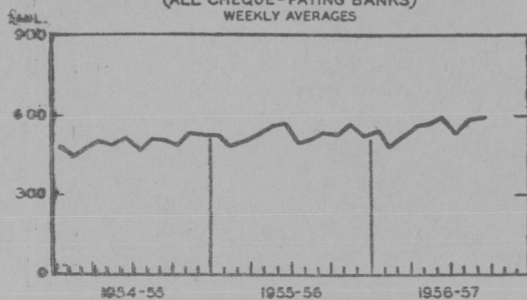
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|-----------------------|------------------------|-----------|------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|-----------|----------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| REVENUE. | | | | | | | | | |
| 1936-37 | 49.2 | 27.2 | 16.5 | 11.7 | 10.2 | 3.5 | 118.3 | 82.8 | 191.1 |
| 1937-38 | 53.6 | 27.6 | 17.3 | 12.5 | 10.8 | 3.6 | 125.4 | 89.5 | 204.8 |
| 1938-39 | 51.1 | 27.0 | 19.3 | 12.3 | 11.0 | 3.6 | 124.3 | 95.1 | 209.6 |
| 1950-51 | 128.3 | 63.5 | 44.7 | 31.1 | 29.0 | 7.8 | 304.4 | 841.8 | 1,032.0 |
| 1951-52 | 167.1 | 81.7 | 55.7 | 37.5 | 34.0 | 10.5 | 386.5 | 1,016.8 | 1,260.1 |
| 1952-53 | 180.9 | 97.0 | 63.2 | 44.2 | 38.7 | 12.1 | 436.1 | 1,040.1 | 1,310.7 |
| 1953-54 | 186.6 | 106.7 | 69.7 | 48.4 | 43.6 | 13.3 | 468.3 | 1,022.8 | 1,320.3 |
| 1954-55 | 193.0 | 116.8 | 73.8 | 48.7 | 46.1 | 14.5 | 492.9 | 1,067.4 | 1,384.8 |
| 1955-56 | 202.1 | 123.1 | 75.7 | 55.4 | 49.6 | 17.8 | 523.7 | 1,138.4 | 1,473.0 |
| 1956-57 (Estimate) .. | 219.9 | 133.3 | 84.8 | 60.9 | 53.5 | 19.1 | 571.5 | 1,235.1 | 1,600.0 |
| 1954-55— | | | | | | | | | |
| July—January .. | 103.0 | 57.5 | 40.5 | 25.3 | 25.1 | 7.0 | 258.4 | 482.1 | 656.0 |
| —February .. | 118.9 | 65.7 | 45.5 | 29.2 | 28.5 | 8.0 | 295.8 | 555.2 | 753.7 |
| —March .. | 134.4 | 74.5 | 51.3 | 33.4 | 32.1 | 9.5 | 335.2 | 648.1 | 874.2 |
| 1955-56— | | | | | | | | | |
| July—January .. | 108.4 | 59.4 | 40.9 | 28.9 | 26.9 | 8.8 | 273.3 | 507.6 | 689.3 |
| —February .. | 123.1 | 68.1 | 45.9 | 33.4 | 30.9 | 10.0 | 311.4 | 588.4 | 794.6 |
| —March .. | 138.2 | 76.6 | 51.5 | 37.7 | 34.6 | 12.1 | 350.7 | 688.4 | 921.0 |
| 1956-57— | | | | | | | | | |
| July—January .. | 116.2 | 63.5 | 46.4 | 33.1 | 29.5 | 9.8 | 298.5 | 546.1 | 744.3 |
| —February .. | 133.7 | 72.8 | 52.5 | 37.8 | 33.5 | 10.9 | 341.2 | 639.2 | 865.8 |
| —March .. | 150.5 | 82.4 | 59.1 | 42.9 | 37.8 | 13.0 | 385.7 | 750.0 | 1,006.8 |
| EXPENDITURE. | | | | | | | | | |
| 1936-37 | 49.2 | 27.2 | 16.8 | 11.6 | 10.6 | 3.4 | 118.8 | 81.5 | 190.3 |
| 1937-38 | 53.5 | 27.6 | 17.6 | 12.4 | 10.8 | 3.6 | 125.5 | 86.0 | 201.4 |
| 1938-39 | 53.6 | 27.8 | 19.3 | 12.7 | 11.2 | 3.6 | 128.2 | 94.4 | 212.8 |
| 1950-51 | 128.3 | 63.9 | 44.6 | 30.8 | 28.8 | 8.1 | 304.5 | 841.8 | 1,032.0 |
| 1951-52 | 167.0 | 84.1 | 55.7 | 37.5 | 34.5 | 10.9 | 389.7 | 1,016.8 | 1,263.3 |
| 1952-53 | 180.8 | 97.4 | 63.0 | 44.2 | 39.2 | 11.8 | 436.4 | 1,026.7 | 1,297.6 |
| 1953-54 | 186.5 | 106.0 | 69.3 | 46.6 | 43.7 | 13.3 | 465.4 | 966.5 | 1,261.1 |
| 1954-55 | 195.2 | 115.5 | 73.6 | 50.9 | 46.6 | 14.7 | 496.5 | 997.3 | 1,318.2 |
| 1955-56 | 208.9 | 126.4 | 77.4 | 56.8 | 51.4 | 17.7 | 538.6 | 1,076.7 | 1,426.2 |
| 1956-57 (Estimate) .. | 219.8 | 135.8 | 84.8 | 61.8 | 54.9 | 20.1 | 577.2 | 1,126.4 | 1,497.0 |
| 1954-55— | | | | | | | | | |
| July—January .. | 107.2 | 58.9 | 39.9 | 27.5 | 25.9 | 7.5 | 266.9 | 518.8 | 701.2 |
| —February .. | 122.2 | 67.0 | 45.4 | 31.5 | 29.4 | 8.7 | 304.2 | 589.5 | 896.4 |
| —March .. | 140.1 | 79.4 | 51.9 | 36.3 | 33.4 | 10.2 | 351.3 | 684.2 | 926.2 |
| 1955-56— | | | | | | | | | |
| July—January .. | 115.4 | 67.9 | 43.8 | 31.7 | 29.5 | 9.4 | 297.7 | 580.2 | 786.1 |
| —February .. | 132.4 | 77.2 | 49.9 | 36.2 | 33.6 | 10.9 | 340.2 | 662.2 | 897.1 |
| —March .. | 149.7 | 88.1 | 55.9 | 41.0 | 38.1 | 12.4 | 385.2 | 768.1 | 1,035.2 |
| 1956-57— | | | | | | | | | |
| July—January .. | 124.3 | 74.5 | 49.3 | 34.4 | 33.0 | 10.7 | 326.2 | 623.8 | 849.7 |
| —February .. | 142.1 | 84.9 | 55.6 | 39.2 | 37.4 | 12.3 | 371.5 | 709.0 | 965.9 |
| —March .. | 158.9 | 95.6 | 62.2 | 43.9 | 42.0 | 14.0 | 416.6 | 798.8 | 1,086.5 |

(a) To avoid duplication in aggregating particulars for the Commonwealth and States, the grand totals exclude payments by the Commonwealth to the States for compensation in respect of uniform taxation, interest on States' debts, special grants and special financial assistance, also pay-roll tax payments by States to the Commonwealth. The totals of revenue and expenditure of the States have also been adjusted.

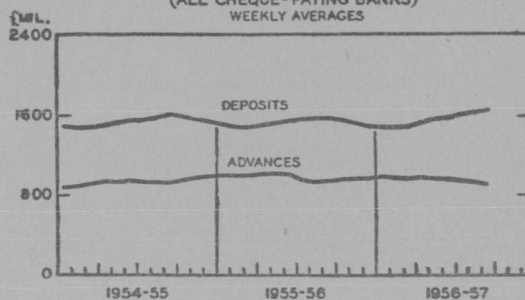
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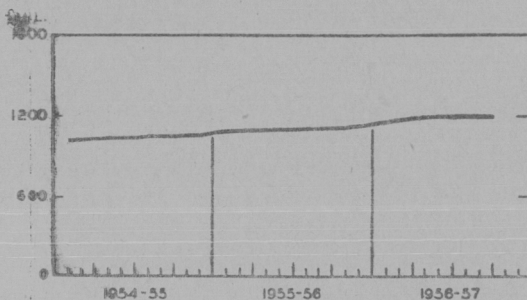
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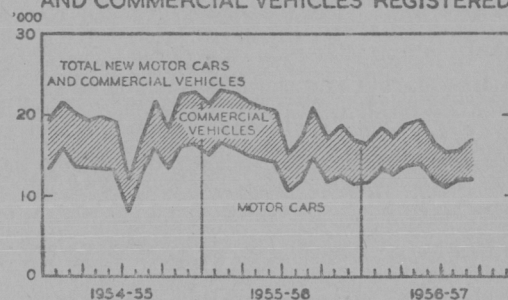
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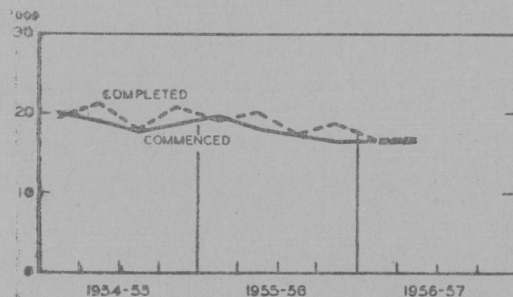
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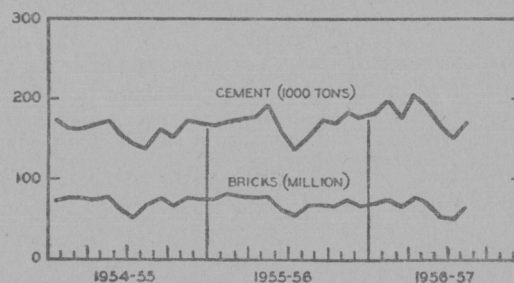
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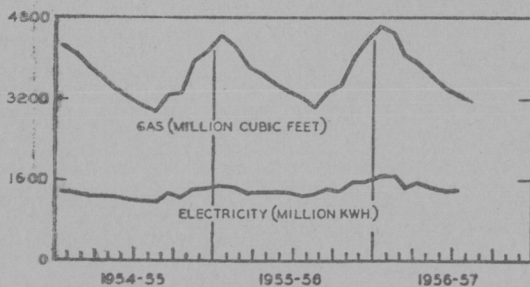
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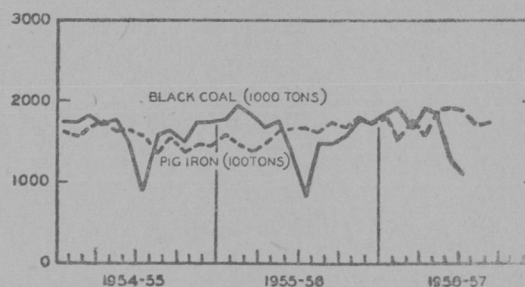
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